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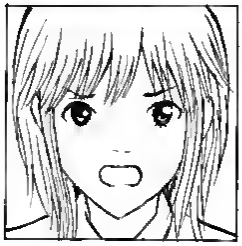
「青島君、明日時間ある？」。
我妻さんからドラマのロケ見学に
誘われた青島。
楽しい時間を共に過ごし、
我妻さんへの想いが募った青島は、
なんと二度目の告白を敢行!!
そしてふたりの関係は
劇的な変化を迎えるのだった……。

MY WIFE IS WAGATSUMA-SAN

IT'S PAST SIX ALREADY...
THAT'S ODD.
HUH?
ONE DAY OUT OF THE BLUE, HE WAS CALLED OUT BY WAGATSUMA-SAN!!
MY WIFE IS WAGATSUMA-SAN
Ai Wagatsuma
If you're not busy tomorrow, then please come to Zaishou park at 6 PM.
I WONDER WHAT SHE WANTS FROM ME ALL OF A SUDDEN...
IT'S STARTING TO GET COLD OUT TOO...
AND I'VE GOT A BAD FEELING ABOUT THIS...
VIIIIIIT
OH? WHAT'S THIS?
Ai Wagatsuma
Heh heh heh. Take a close look at your surroundings.
HMM?

SORRY TO KEEP YOU WAITING.
THE GIRLS FROM CLASS!!
Y... YOU'RE...
AIBU, THE UGLY CHICK!
WHOA! TALK ABOUT GROSS!
...HUH? WAIT...
EW! WHAT A CREEP!
YOU PERVERT!
HUH?! WHAT'S THAT SUPPOSED TO MEAN?!!!
YOU WENT TO A DIRTY EVENT, EVEN THOUGH YOU'RE A HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT?
I HEAR...
CHUUU

NO, WAIT A SECOND!! THAT ISN'T WHY I WENT THERE...
WHO CARES WHAT YOUR OBJECTIVE WAS?
IT'S A FACT THAT YOU WENT TO THAT GATHERING OF PERVERTS.
LET'S GET HIM ON VIDEO!
WE'LL UPLOAD IT ONLINE WITH THE TITLE, "THE WORLD'S FILTHIEST HIGH SCHOOLER!"



You creep me out, so please don't come near me.

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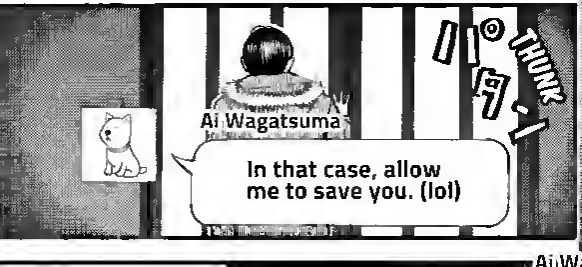
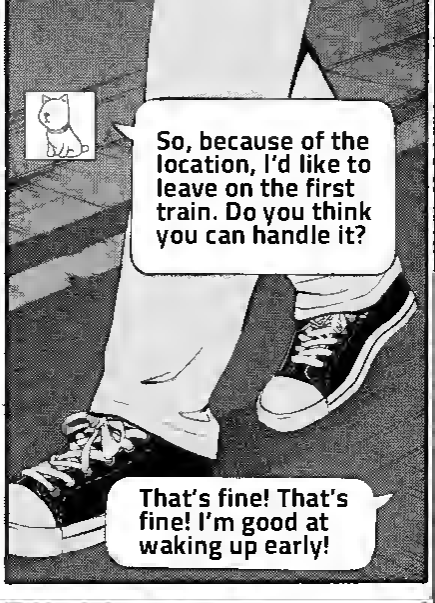
WHUMP
UWAAHHH!!
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
O...
ONLY A DREAM, HUH?
MY WIFE IS WAGATSUMA-SAN
STORY: YUU KURAISHI
COMIC: KEISHI NISHIKIDA

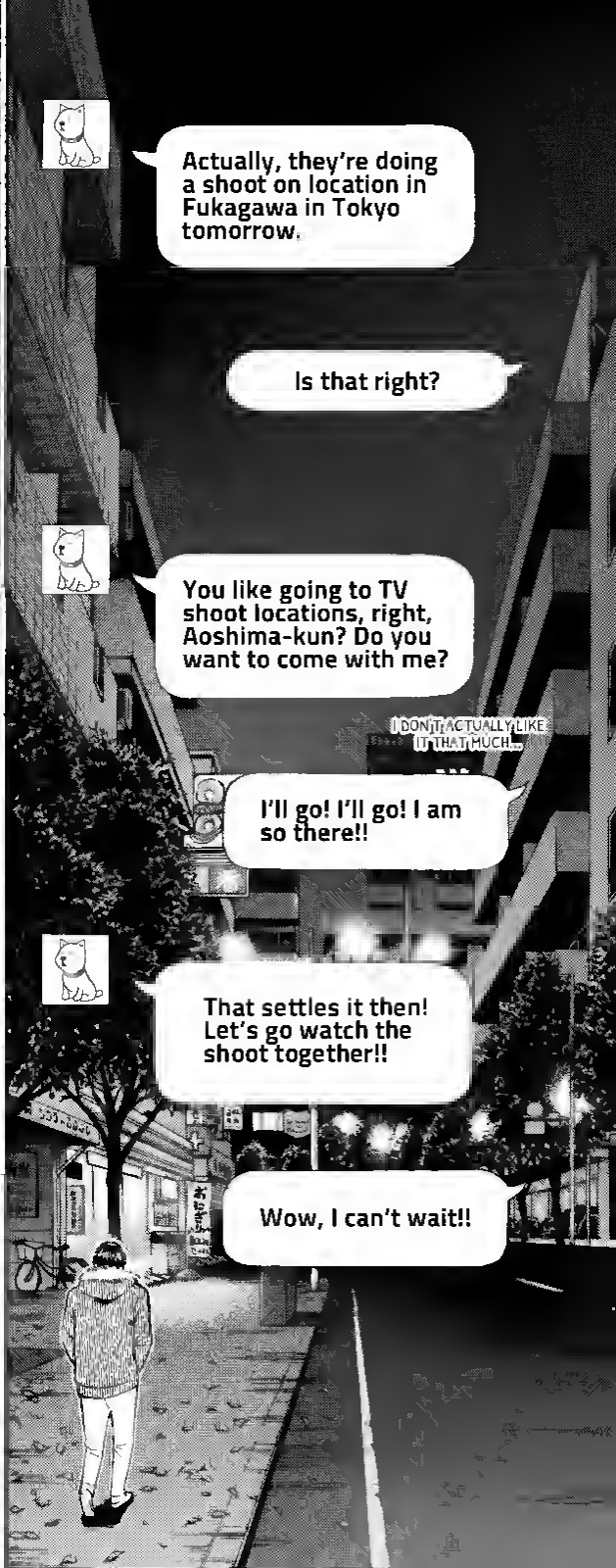
PART 61
Here, There and Everywhere



Ai Wagatsuma
Do you know the TV drama "Downtown Detective Shigezou Matsushima"?
I'VE ACTUALLY NEVER HEARD OF IT...
Oh! I know that one!!

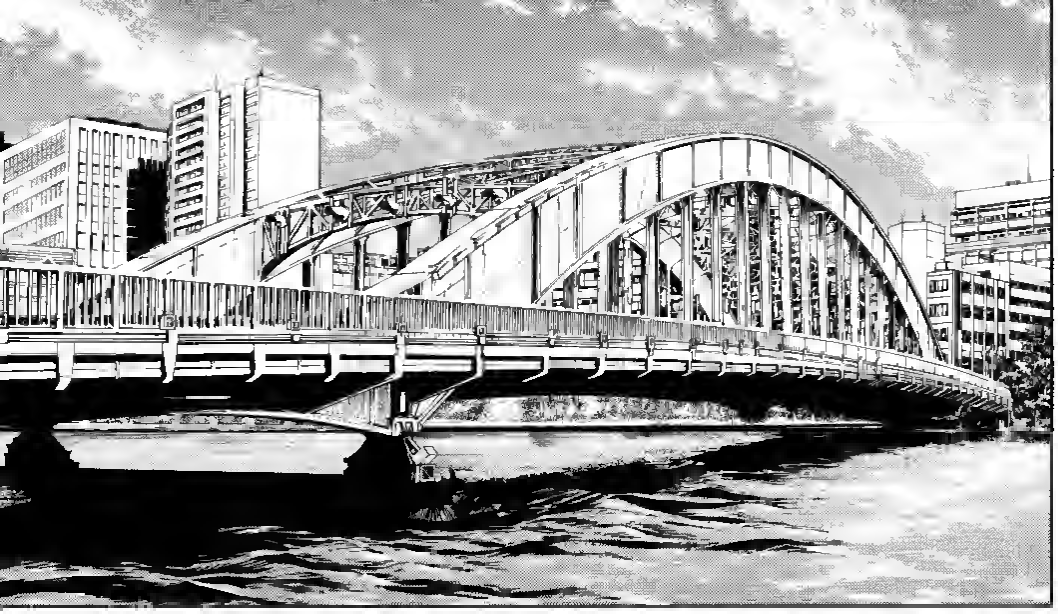

So, because of the location, I'd like to leave on the first train. Do you think you can handle it?
That's fine! That's fine! I'm good at waking up early!

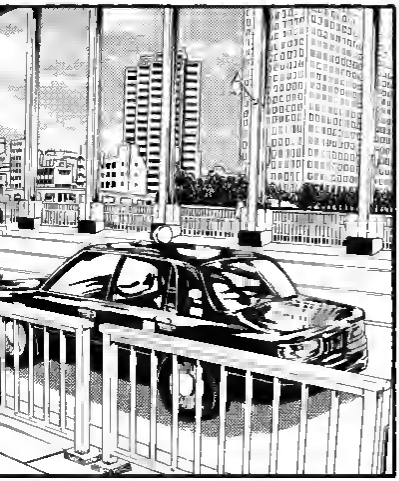
Then you're okay with meeting at 5 tomorrow morning at Zaishou Station?
在床駅
ZAISYO STATION
Roger that!(`・ω・´)ゞ


Actually, they're doing a shoot on location in Fukagawa in Tokyo tomorrow.
Is that right?
You like going to TV shoot locations, right, Aoshima-kun? Do you want to come with me?
I DON'T ACTUALLY LIKE IT THAT MUCH...
I'll go! I'll go! I am so there!!
That settles it then! Let's go watch the shoot together!!
Wow, I can't wait!!

NO, IT'S OKAY. DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT.
OH! I'M SORRY! DID I KEEP YOU WAIT-ING?!
I WAS LOOKING FORWARD TO IT SO MUCH I CAME WAY TOO EARLY!

MAN...
TODAY, WAGATSUMA-SAN IS EVEN...
GREATER THAN NORMAL!!
NO...
TO THIS DATE!!
?
SHE MUST'VE REALLY BEEN LOOKING FORWARD...!!
TO THIS SET VISIT.





HMM...

...YEAH...
YEAH...
I DON'T SEE THE FILM CREW...

DO YOU MIND IF WE LOOK FOR THEM A LITTLE LONGER?
OH! SURE! THAT'S TOTALLY FINE! LET'S WAIT SOME MORE!!
I'LL WAIT WITH YOU AS LONG AS YOU WANT.
I'M SORRY...
I GUESS IT WASN'T TODAY AFTER ALL...

AHHH... WAGATSUMA-SAN IS FEEL-ING DOWN...
OH...
TEP TEP TEP
I COULD HAVE SWORN THEY SAID IT WAS TODAY...
THAT IS SO ODD...
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR-LOOKING GUY
THAT MUST BE THEM!
OKAY!
LET'S FOLLOW THAT GUY!!

EEK! EEK! THEY'RE SETTING UP FOR THE SHOOT!
TH-THEY SURE ARE...
SHAKE
SHAKE
OH, I SEE. THIS ONE, HUH? WHEN I SAW "BRIDGE," I JUST ASSUMED THEY MEANT EITAI BRIDGE, BUT...
THEY MEANT THIS ONE, HUH?
JEEZ, WHAT A BLUNDER...
SO THIS BRIDGE, THEY USE IT PRETTY OFTEN FOR FUJI TV DRAMAS--
?
...!!
...

OH GOSH! HE'S SO HAND-SOME!!
WHAT? THAT OLD GUY?
TH-THAT'S SHIGEZOU MATSU-SHIMA!!
THEN...
OH, I KNOW.
I'LL...GO GET HIS AUTOGRAPH FOR YOU.
HUH?! NO WAY?! YOU CAN DO THAT?!
DON'T WORRY!
JUST LEAVE IT TO ME!!
HMM?

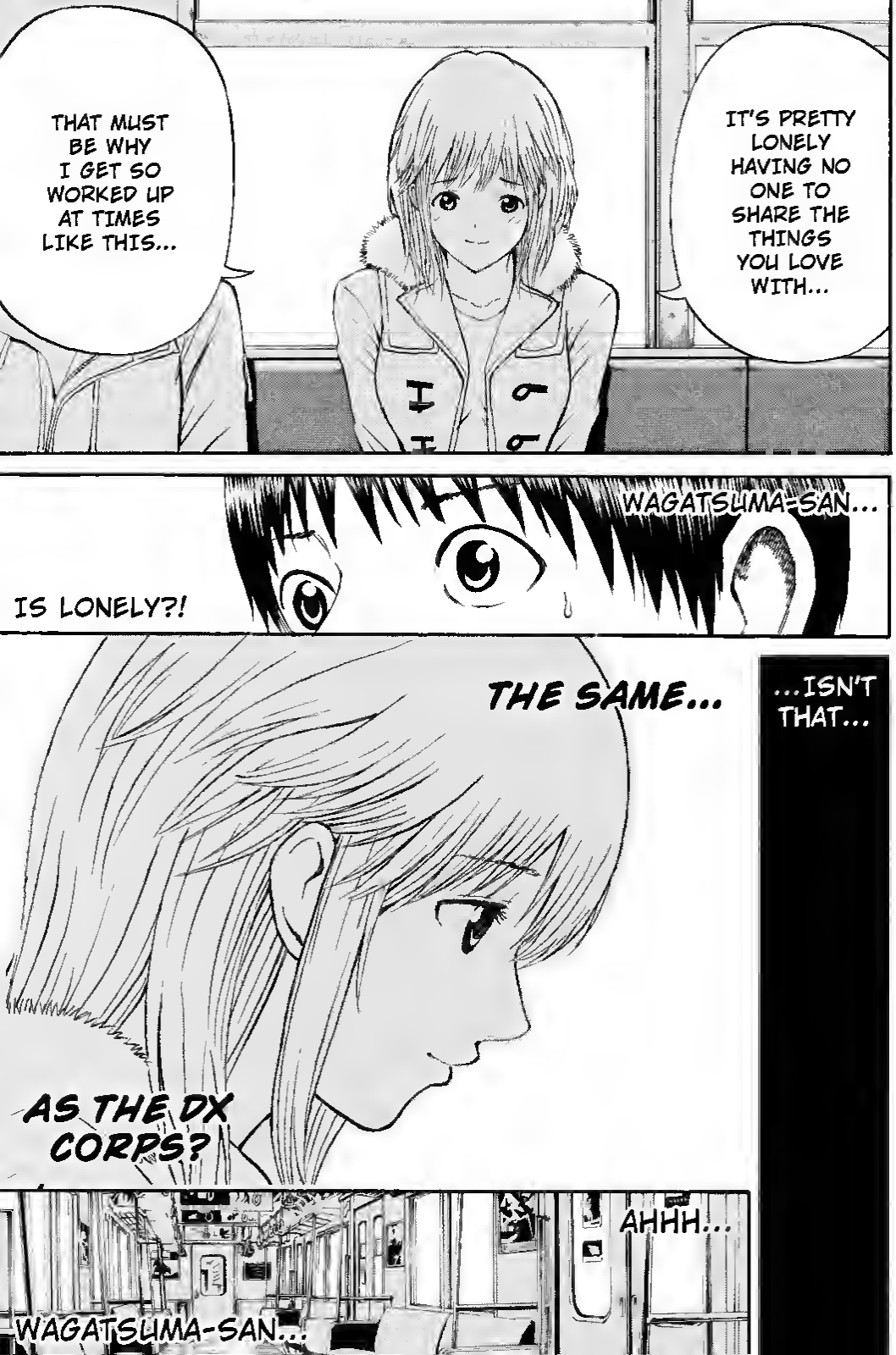
NO, NO! WE REALLY ARE TOO BUSY RIGHT NOW!
WAIT, WAIT! CAN'T YOU DO SOME-THING ABOUT THAT?!
FWIP
I'M SORRY. HE DOESN'T HAVE TIME TO SIGN AUTO-GRAPHS AT THE MOMENT.
WHAT'S THE MATTER?
LOOK, I KNOW IT'S KIND OF AN UNREA-SONABLE REQUEST, BUT--
OH...
AN AUTO-GRAPH, EH?
WELL... THIS KID'S BEGGING FOR AN AUTO-GRAPH...
I GOT AN AUTOGRAPH FROM A TOTALLY DIFFERENT PERSON
WHOA... THAT SUCKS...
HUUUH?! WHO'RE YOU?!!!
SURE THING.
HUH?
I'M SORRY. WOULD YOU MIND?
I THINK WE'LL LEAVE US ALONE ONCE HE GETS ONE.

I'LL TRY AGAIN AFTER THEY FINISH SHOOTING.
THIS IS ALL I COULD GET FOR NOW, BUT...
OH... NO...
DID YOU GET HIS AUTOGRAPH?
AOSHIMA-KUN...
OH JEEZ! OH JEEZ! SHE'S MAD! SHE'S REALLY MAD!!
THIS...
...AOSHIMA-KUN...
IKKEI
A SAID WITH THE SAME INTONATION PRO WRESTLING FANS USE WHEN THEY CALL ANTONIO INOKI INOKI-SAN.
HUH? WHO'S IKKEI-SAN?
OH GOSH! THAT'S AMAZING!
WOW!! THIS IS IKKEI-SAN'S AUTOGRAPH!
SO THAT'S WHAT THEY CALL HIM!!
IKKEI WATANABE-SAN OF COURSE !!!!

THAT WAS FUN!
AHHH!

IT'S LIKE I REALLY AM DREAMING.
I CAN'T BELIEVE I GOT ALL THESE AUTO-GRAPHS.
I KNOW, RIGHT?
WE SURE DID.
WE TOOK A LOT OF PICTURES TOO, HUH?
I'M A BIG FAN OF THAT SHOW TOO!!
THAT'S FINE! THAT'S TOTALLY FINE!!
HUH ?!!!
I'M SORRY. I KIND OF HOGGED YOUR WHOLE DAY...
NOT THAT I ACTUALLY KNOW
YEAH...
OH, I KNOW, RIGHT? IT'S SO GOOD, ISN'T IT?!

YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE, AOSHIMA-KUN...
I CAN BE THIS HONEST AROUND...
I THINK YOU'RE PROBABLY THE ONLY ONE...
HUH?
...OH, NO...
THANKS.
IT'S KIND OF HARD TO GET MY FRIENDS TO UNDER-STAND THIS HOBBY, YOU KNOW?
NO, THAT'S NOT TRUE!
I MEAN, MY TASTE IN DRAMAS IS A LITTLE UNUSUAL, RIGHT?
IT'S ALL RIGHT. I'M AWARE OF IT.


THAT MUST BE WHY I GET SO WORKED UP AT TIMES LIKE THIS...
IT'S PRETTY LONELY HAVING NO ONE TO SHARE THE THINGS YOU LOVE WITH...
WAGATSUMA-SAN...
IS LONELY?!
...ISN'T THAT...
THE SAME...
AS THE DX CORPS?
AHHH...
WAGATSUMA-SAN...

UM...
I HAD A LOT OF FUN TODAY. SEE YOU LATER.
在床駅
ZaisyoStation
北口
North Entrance
YOU MAY THINK I'M BEING TOO PERSIST-ENT, BUT...
I STILL LOVE YOU AFTER ALL.
WILL YOU GO OUT WITH ME?
ENDER—!!!!
AOSHIMA-SAN, YOU CAN'T JUST ASK HER OUT OUT OF THE BLUE!!!
TO BE CONTINUED!!!

I'M SORRY FOR...YOU KNOW... BEING SO PERSIS-TENT...
BUT...
A CONFESSION! HIS-SECOND!!
JEEZ, I REALLY JUST...
LOVE YOU.
YOU SAID YOU WANTED TO "BE FRIENDS," WAGATSUMA-SAN, BUT...
I DON'T WANT TO BE "FRIENDS" ANYMORE.
YEAH, THAT'S IT.
I GUESS YOU COULD, UM, SAY I'M TIRED OF BEING "FRIENDS"...
MY WIFE IS WAGATSUMA-SAN
STORY: YUU KURAISHI
COMIC: KEISHI NISHIKIDA

WAGA-TSUMA-SAN...
DO YOU THINK IF YOU GO OUT WITH SOME-ONE YOU HAVE TO MARRY THEM?
PART 62
Power of Love
THAT'S FINE WITH ME!!
YEP!! IN FACT, I THINK THE SAME THING!!
INTENSE AGREEMENT

WH-
BEHIND AOSHIMA-KUN...
IT FEELS LIKE I CAN SENSE THE PRESENCE OF A THIN, SUN-TANNED MAN...
AND AN ELEMENTARY SCHOOLER WEARING GLASSES...
WHAT COULD THIS BE?
TH-
THEN...
ALL RIGHT!! I'VE GOT IT!!
A-AND NOW I SEE TAKESHI KATOU* BEHIND HIM!!
ONLY BECAUSE THEIR CATCH-PHRASES OVER-LAPPED
IN THAT CASE!
*ACTOR ACTIVE SINCE THE '50S, THIS QUOTE IS FROM HIS CHARACTER IN THE "KOUSUKE KINDAICHI MYSTERY SERIES"

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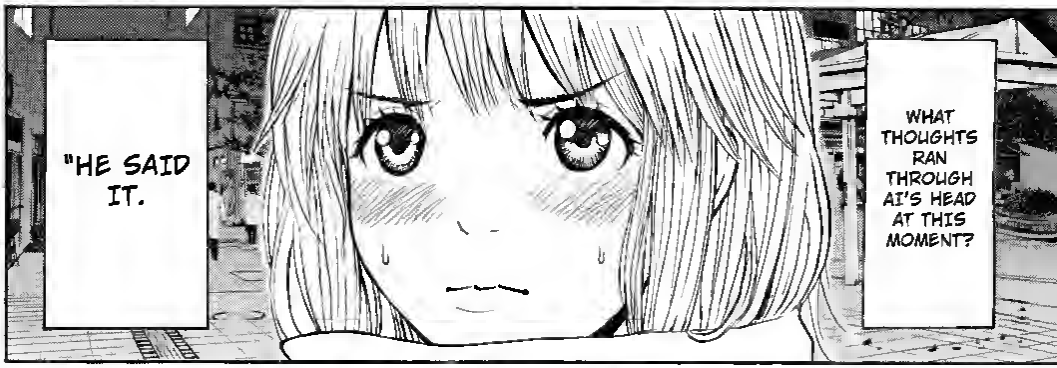
PLEASE!!
M-MUH-MUH-M-MARRY ME!!
カラオケ

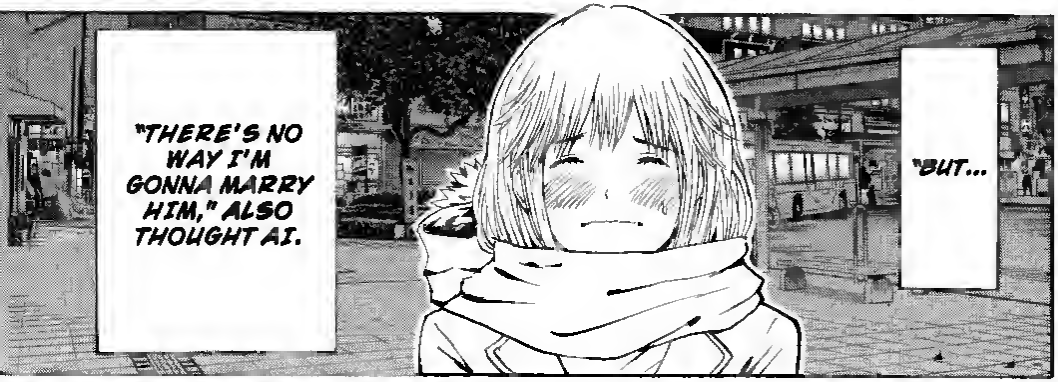


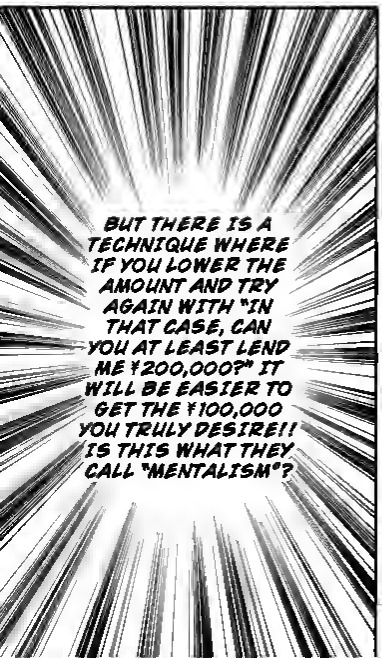
"THE MAN BEFORE ME JUST UTTERED THE LIFE-CHANGING PHRASE 'MARRY ME'!!

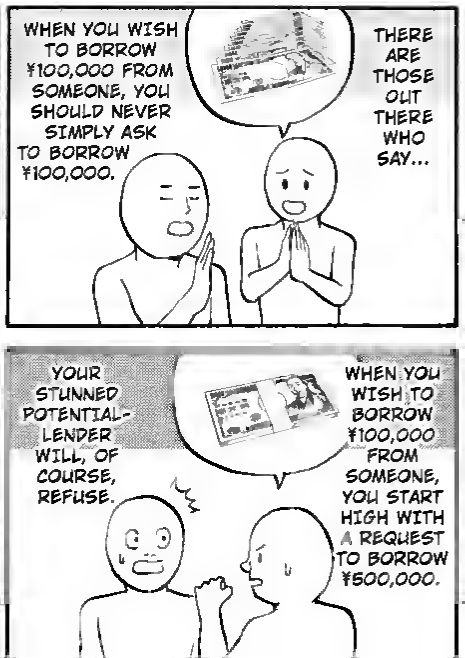
"EVERY SINGLE ONE OF THE GUYS WHO HAS APPROACHED ME IN THE PAST HAS...

WITHOUT EXCEPTION, SAID, 'I LIKE YOU!! PLEASE GO OUT WITH ME!'

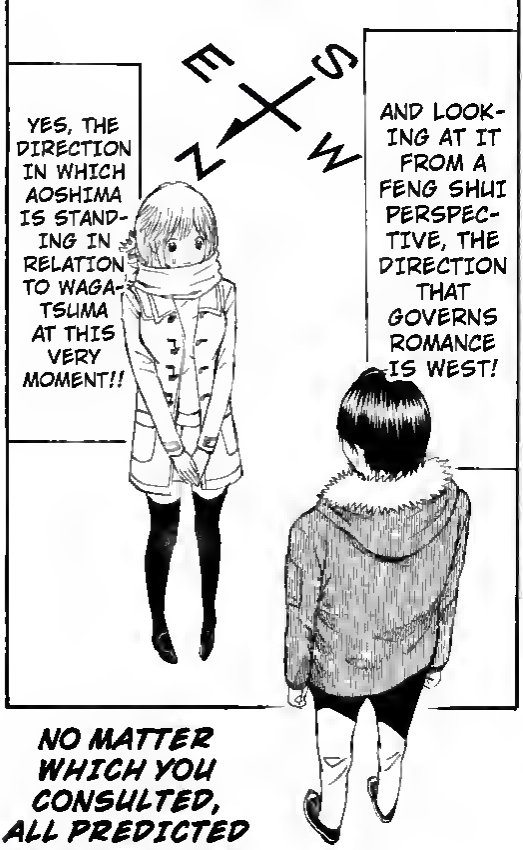
THOUGHT AI!!
"HE MAY BE A LITTLE MORE SERIOUS THAN THE OTHERS!"


"THERE'S NO WAY I'M GONNA MARRY HIM," ALSO THOUGHT AI.
"BUT...


BUT THERE IS A TECHNIQUE WHERE IF YOU LOWER THE AMOUNT AND TRY AGAIN WITH "IN THAT CASE, CAN YOU AT LEAST LEND ME ¥200,000?" IT WILL BE EASIER TO GET THE ¥100,000 YOU TRULY DESIRE!! IS THIS WHAT THEY CALL "MENTALISM"?


WHEN YOU WISH TO BORROW ¥100,000 FROM SOMEONE, YOU SHOULD NEVER SIMPLY ASK TO BORROW ¥100,000.
THERE ARE THOSE OUT THERE WHO SAY...
YOUR STUNNED POTENTIAL-LENDER WILL, OF COURSE, REFUSE.
WHEN YOU WISH TO BORROW ¥100,000 FROM SOMEONE, YOU START HIGH WITH A REQUEST TO BORROW ¥500,000.

...BUT...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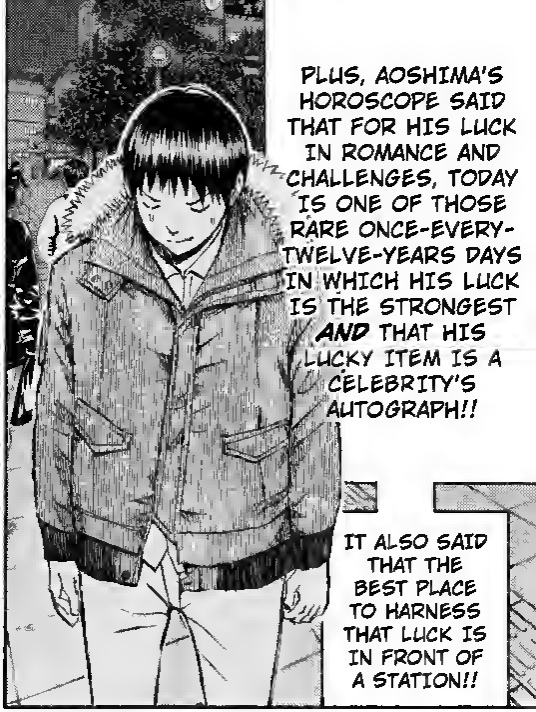
YES, THE DIRECTION IN WHICH AOSHIMA IS STANDING IN RELATION TO WAGATSUMA AT THIS VERY MOMENT!!
AND LOOKING AT IT FROM A FENG SHUI PERSPECTIVE, THE DIRECTION THAT GOVERNS ROMANCE IS WEST!


PLUS, AOSHIMA'S HOROSCOPE SAID THAT FOR HIS LUCK IN ROMANCE AND CHALLENGES, TODAY IS ONE OF THOSE RARE ONCE-EVERY-TWELVE-YEARS DAYS IN WHICH HIS LUCK IS THE STRONGEST *AND* THAT HIS LUCKY ITEM IS A CELEBRITY'S AUTOGRAPH!!
IT ALSO SAID THAT THE BEST PLACE TO HARNESS THAT LUCK IS IN FRONT OF A STATION!!

NO MATTER WHICH YOU CONSULTED, ALL PREDICTED AOSHIMA WAS INVINCIBLE TODAY!!

IN ADDITION, HIS ANIMAL FORTUNE, BLOOD-TYPE FORTUNE, SIX-STAR ASTROLOGY FORTUNE, NAME FORTUNE, FLOWER FORTUNE, ELECTONE FORTUNE*...

*A TYPE OF FORTUNE-TELLING INVOLVING SINGING THE FORTUNES WHILE PLAYING AN ELECTONE PIANO, FEATURED ON THE TV TOKYO SERIES "MONMON DRAIETY" IN THE EARLY 1980S

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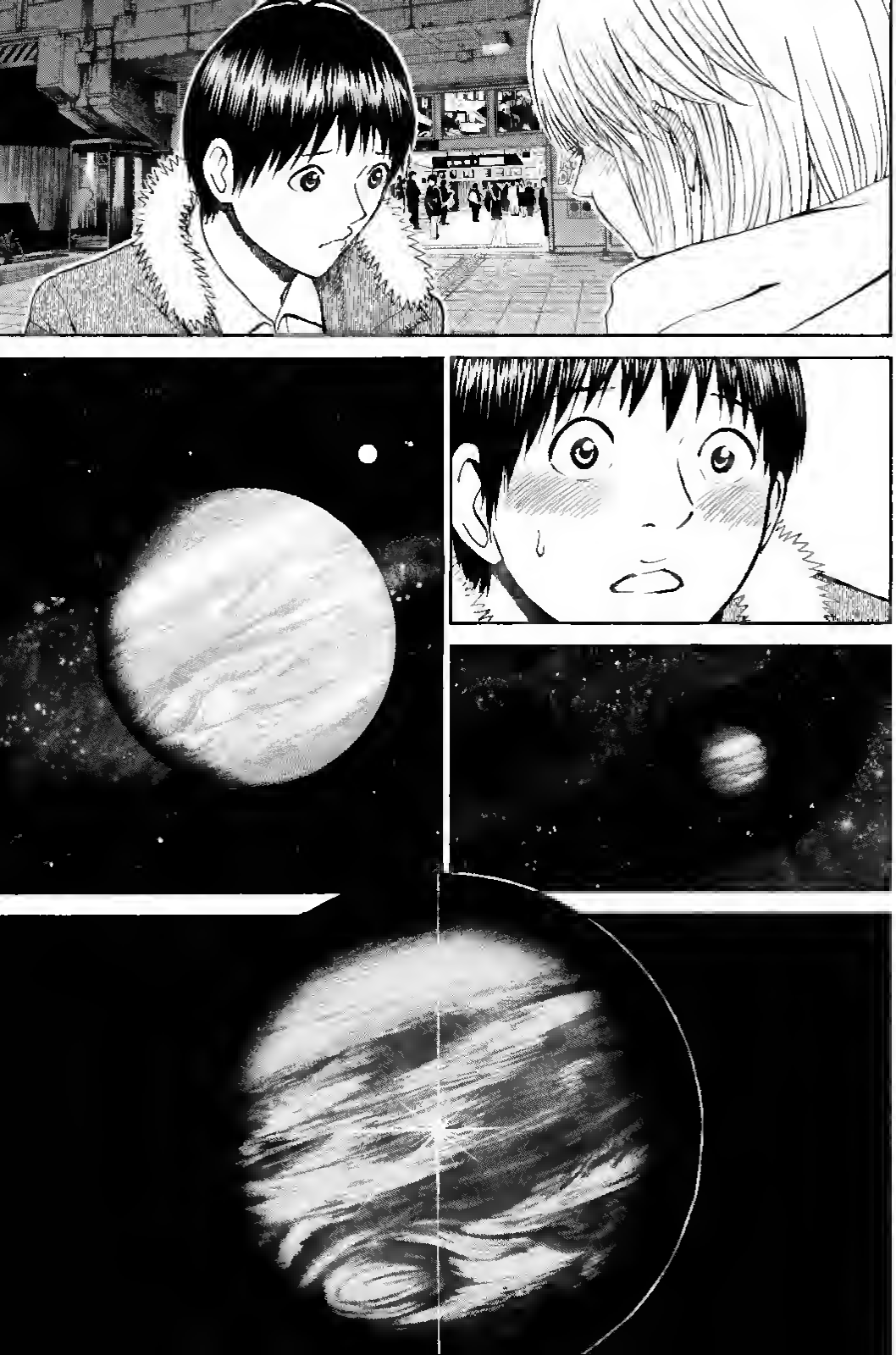
I'M SORRY.
I CAN'T MARRY YOU, AOSHIMA-KUN.
FIGURED AS MUCH.
YEAH, I...
BUT...

GO OUT WITH YOU.
I CAN...



祝
WOO-HOO!!
ドーン
BOOM

NOW, HERE COMES THE PARADE!
BUM-CHAKA
ブンチャカ
BUM-CHAKA
ブンチャカ
PAH-PARAH
パーパラ
PARAH
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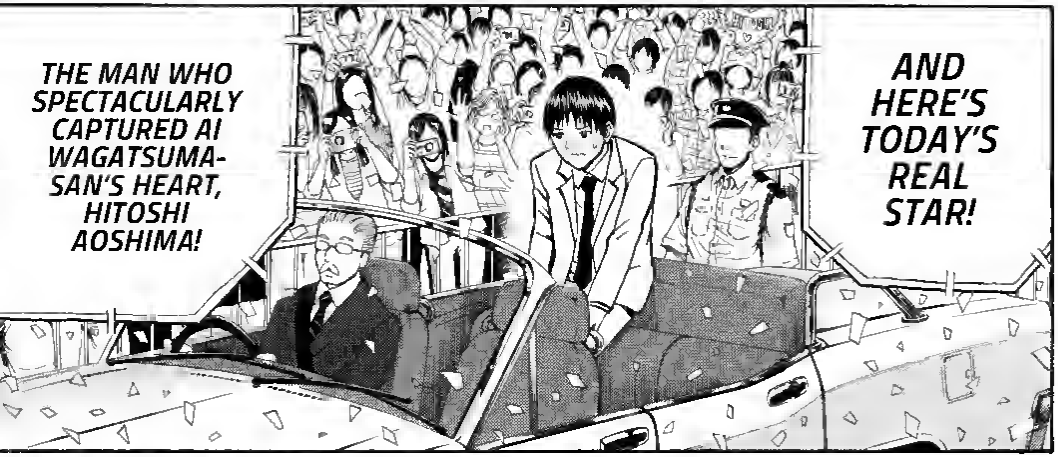
BGM: THE WASHINGTON POST MARCH


THE MAN WHO SPECTACULARLY CAPTURED AI WAGATSUMA-SAN'S HEART, HITOSHI AOSHIMA!
AND HERE'S TODAY'S REAL STAR!

UH...

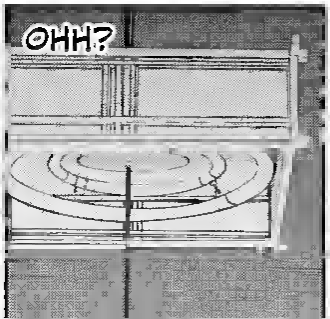
UM...

WHAT DO YOU BELIEVE LED YOU TO THIS VICTORY?
HITOSHI AOSHIMA
(VICTOR OF LOVE)

WHAT'S GOTTEN INTO YOU?!
HUH ?!!!
MY SPIRIT WHICH KEPT ME FROM GIVING UP ON WAGA-TSUMA-SAN!!

I STILL CAN'T BELIEVE IT ACTUALLY HAPPENED...
NOT GOOD.
THIS ISN'T GOOD...

I PINCHED MY CHEEKS SO MUCH...
I'VE GOT NO FEEL-ING LEFT IN THEM!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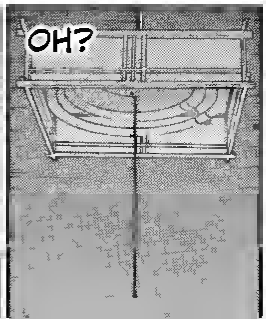
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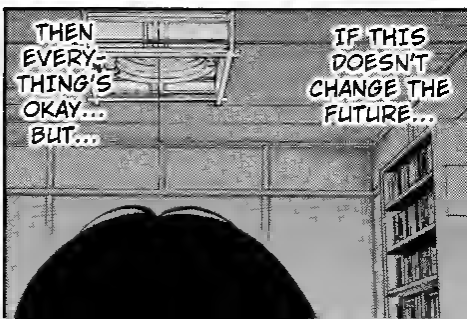
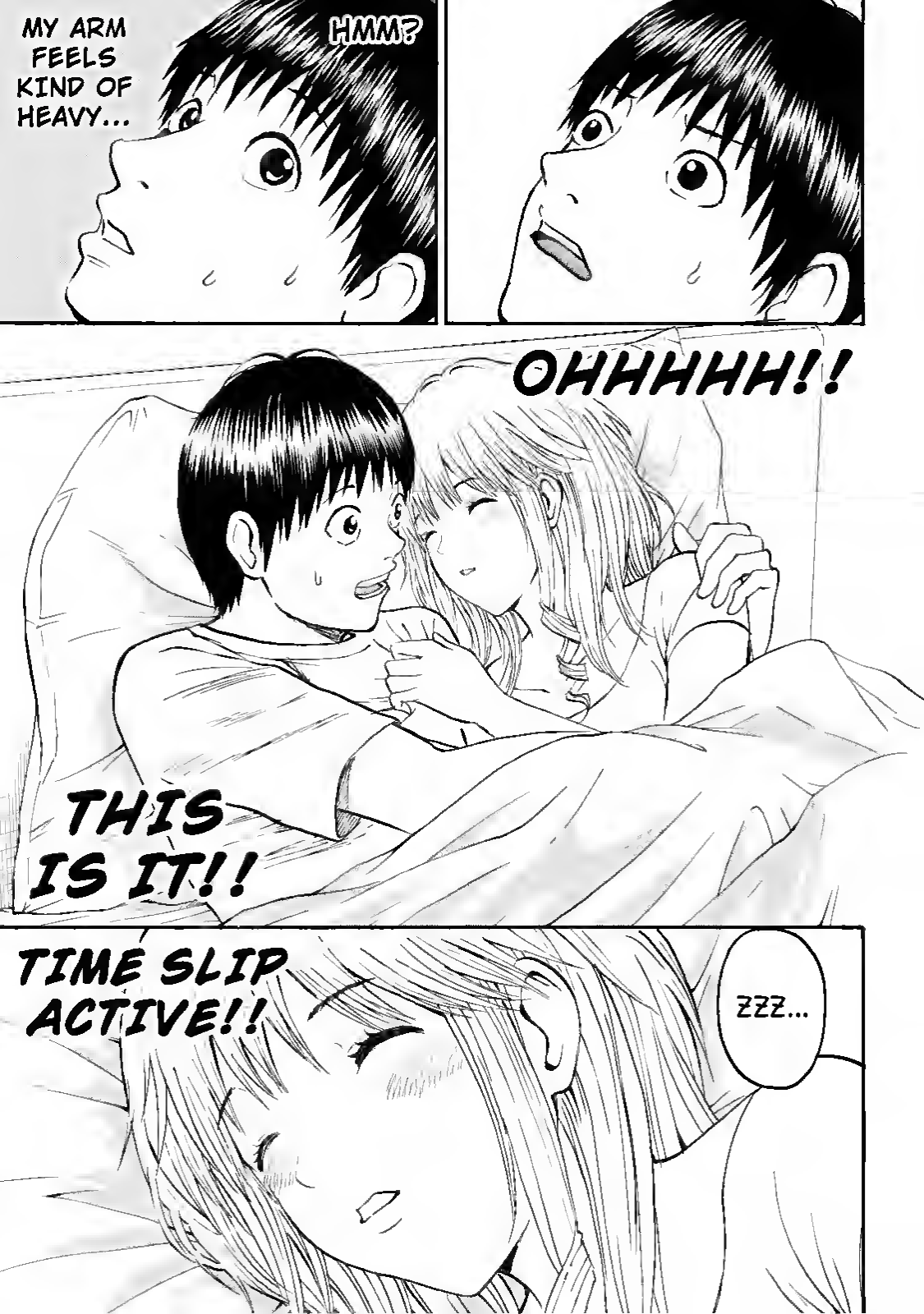
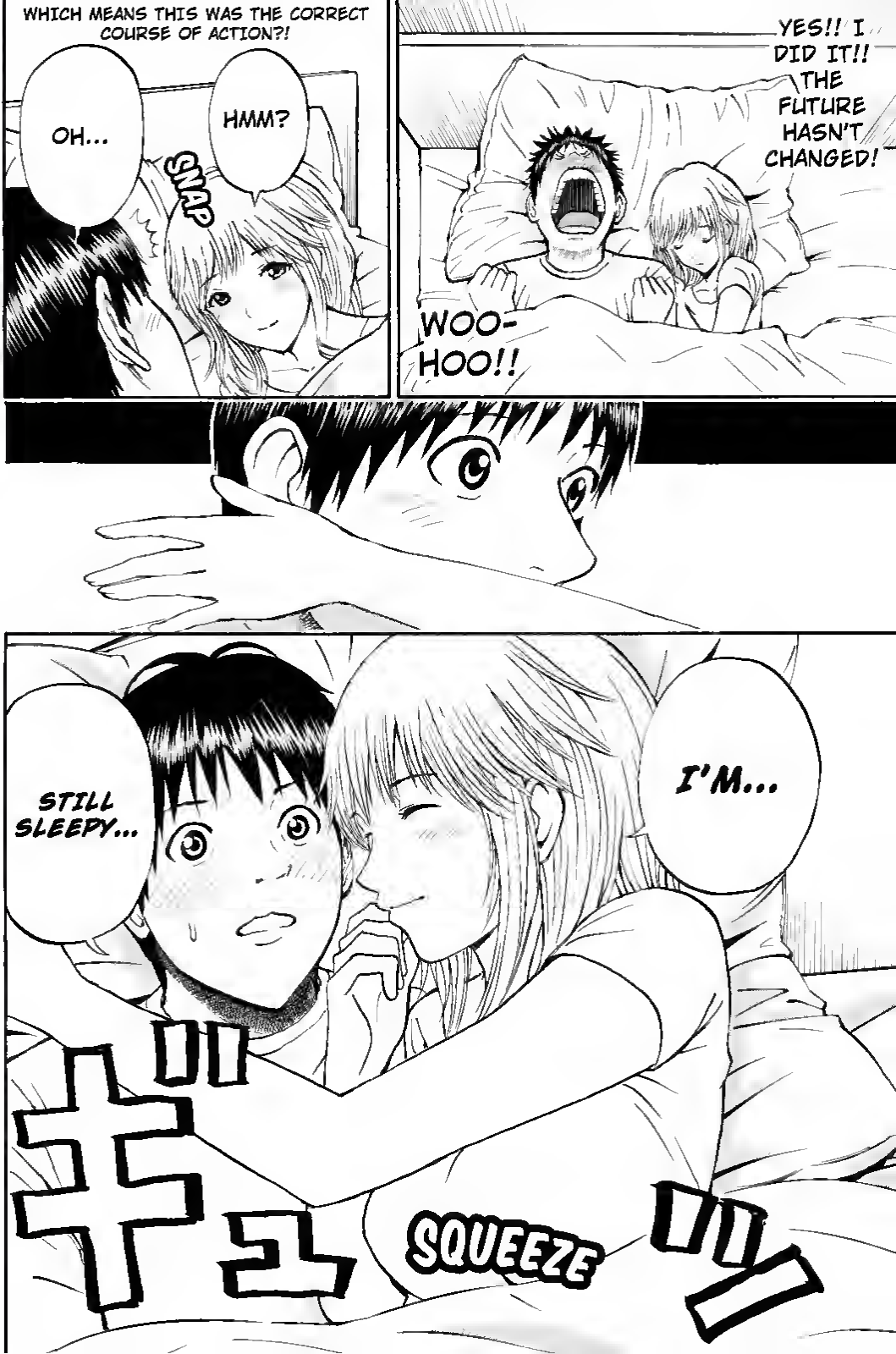

THEN EVERY-THING'S OKAY... BUT...
IF THIS DOESN'T CHANGE THE FUTURE...


MY ARM FEELS KIND OF HEAVY...
HMM?
OHHHHH!!
THIS IS IT!!
TIME SLIP ACTIVE!!
ZZZ...


WHICH MEANS THIS WAS THE CORRECT COURSE OF ACTION?!
OH...
HMM?
SNAP
YES!! I DID IT!! THE FUTURE HASN'T CHANGED!
WOO-HOO!!
STILL SLEEPY...
I'M...
SQUEEZE

OH...
OH JEEZ !!!!
T.S. OVER
HEY...
KOMA-TSU...
HMM?
OH... ITOU, EH...?
I FEEL, LIKE, KIND OF SLUGGISH TODAY DO YOU?
YEAH... WHAT IS THIS, I WONDER...
I'VE FELT IT SINCE, LIKE, YESTERDAY... AND IT'S NOT SIMPLY BECAUSE WINTER BREAK IS OVER..
IT'S LIKE THIS WEARINESS... OR UNEASE HAS OVER-TAKEN ME...
YEAH! I KNOW, RIGHT?!

HEY! KOMATSU-KUN AND ITOU-KUN!!
I'VE GOT A BAD FEELING ABOUT THIS...
MORN-ING, GUYS!
YO!
Y...
YEAH.

SOMETHING MUST'VE HAPPENED.
WHAT IS THIS...?
I SENSE AN INTENSE PRESSURE EMANATING FROM HIS BACK.
WAGA-TSUMA-SAN!!
IT'S...

CURRENT DURATION OF RELATIONSHIP: ABOUT TWO DAYS. NO REAL CONTACT TO SPEAK OF.
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SMILE
HITOSHI AOSHIMA AND AI WAGATSUMA.
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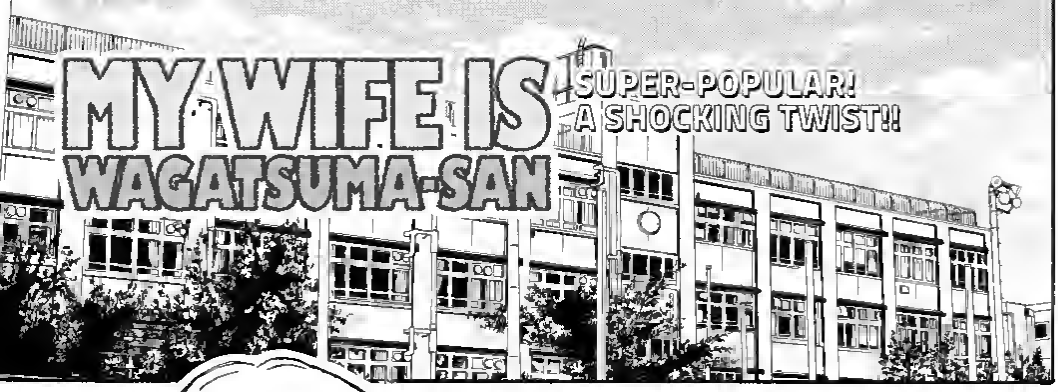
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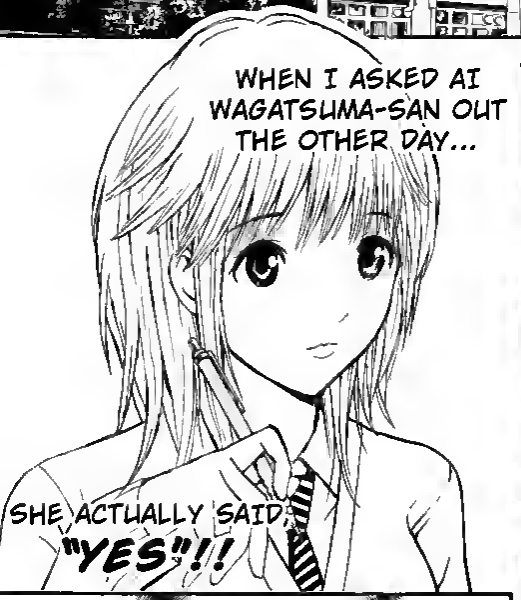
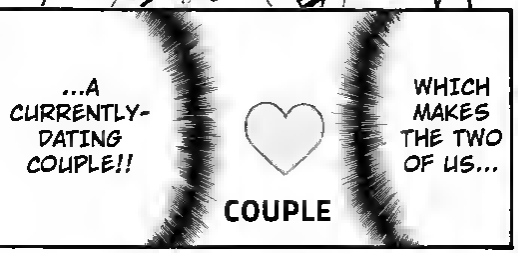
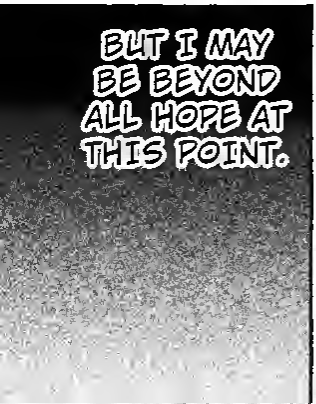
SUPER-POPULAR! A SHOCKING TWIST!!


WHEN I ASKED AI WAGATSUMA-SAN OUT THE OTHER DAY...
SHE ACTUALLY SAID "YES"!!

I, HITOSHI AOSHIMA...
MAY BE BEYOND HOPE!!


...A CURRENTLY-DATING COUPLE!!
COUPLE
WHICH MAKES THE TWO OF US...

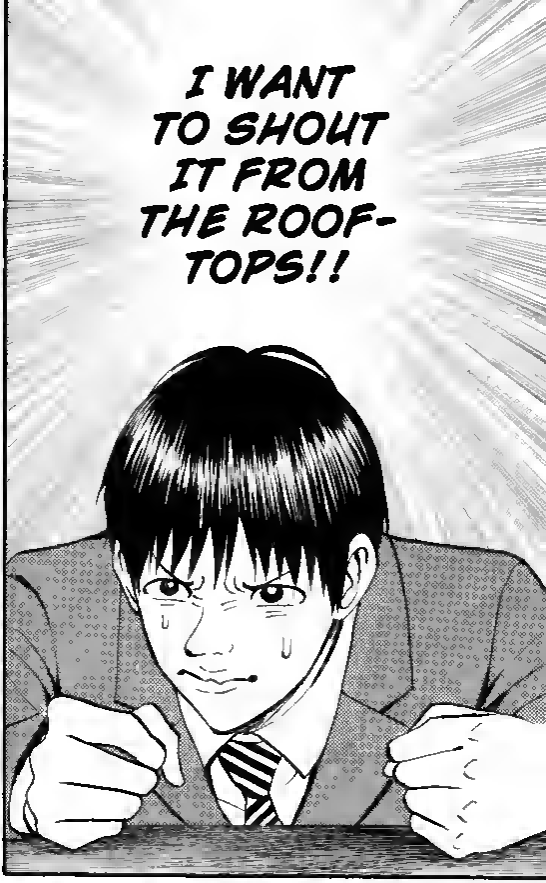

BUT I MAY BE BEYOND ALL HOPE AT THIS POINT.

GOOD THING...
THIS IS AN-AWFULLY, AWFULLY, EXTREMELY, EXTREMELY...

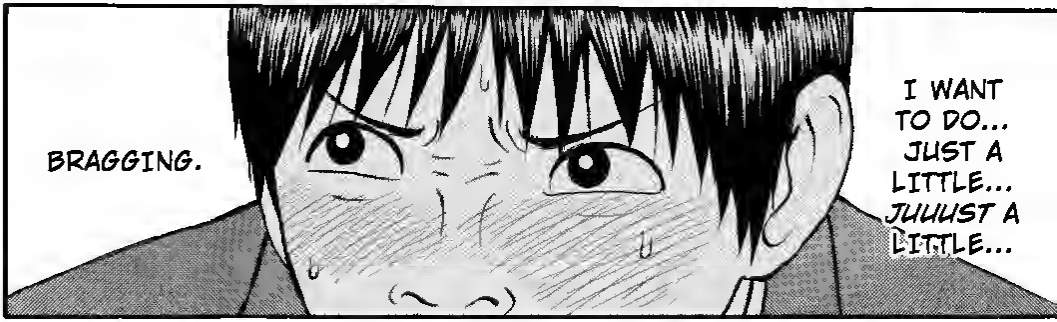
THUNK
ガタ
AO-SHIMA, EH?
TRANSLATE THIS FOR US...
SEAT NUMBER TWO...
ALL RIGHT, NOW...
WHAT'S THE PROBLEM, YOU ASK?
I DON'T KNOW.
I...
I CAN'T HANDLE ANYTHING ELSE.
I'M SO HAPPY THAT, TO BE HONEST...
WHAT ARE YOU GRINNING ABOUT?!
MY WIFE IS WAGATSUMA-SAN
STORY: YUU KURAISHI
COMIC: KEISHI NISHIKIDA

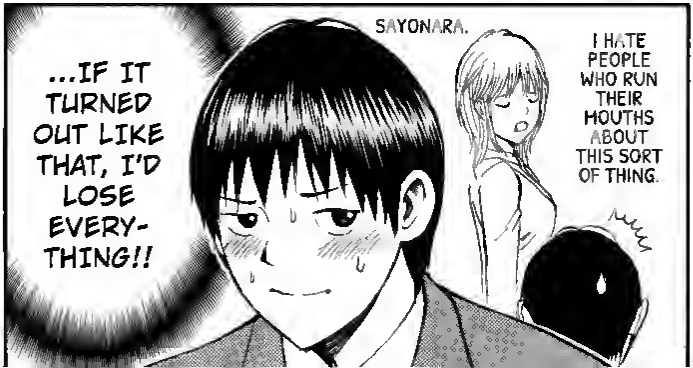
I'M GOING OUT WITH...
THE AI WAGA-TSUMA.
I MEAN...
PART 63
Are You Experienced?
I'LL BET THAT'S HOW THINGS PROGRESS, HUH?
MARRIAGE←PROPOSE←DATE
I WANT TO SAY IT...
...
HMM...

I, HITOSHI AOSHIMA AM..
GOING OUT WITH WAGA-TSUMA-SAN!
I MEAN, I WANT TO GO DOWN TO THE STATION...
AND DO THIS!!
WE'RE GOING OUT


I WANT TO SHOUT IT FROM THE ROOF-TOPS!!

HOW'D WE START DATING?
HUH?
THIS!
AND MAYBE EVEN A LITTLE OF...


BRAGGING.
I WANT TO DO... JUST A LITTLE... JUUUST A LITTLE...


SAYONARA.
I HATE PEOPLE WHO RUN THEIR MOUTHS ABOUT THIS SORT OF THING.
...IF IT TURNED OUT LIKE THAT, I'D LOSE EVERY-THING!!

NO...WAIT A MINUTE...

DON'T TELL ME... IS THIS THE SORT OF THING POPULAR GUYS WORRY ABOUT?!
GASP
MAYBE I SHOULD CONSULT SOME-ONE...
OH JEEZ...
WHAT'M I GONNA DO?
視聴覚室
KLING KLONG KLANG
NO, NO... I MUST CONSIDER THIS MATTER CAREFULLY.

*"A.V. ROOM"

AND POUR ALL THE STRENGTH WE CAN INTO OUR EFFORTS TOWARD ELIMINATING THE DETEST-ABLE LIFE-HAVERS.
I WANT US TO USE THE TIME REMAIN-ING UNTIL THE DREADED DAY OF FEBRUARY 14TH, AKA THE BATTLE OF ST. VALENTINE, TO BOLSTER OUR FORCES...
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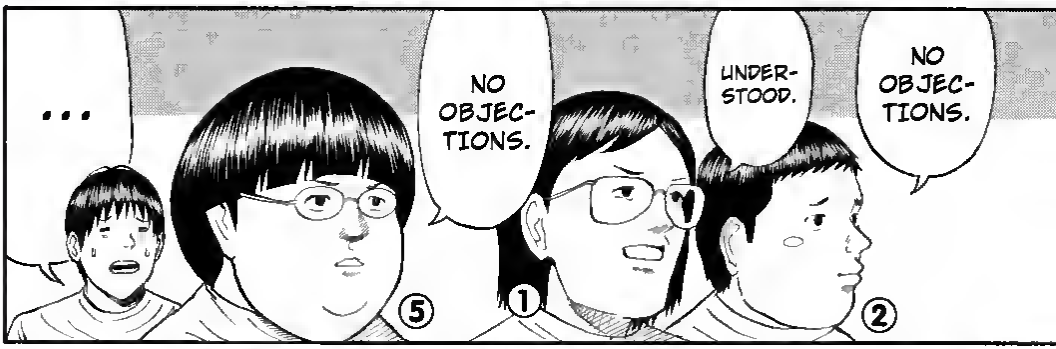
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NO OBJEC-TIONS.
UNDER-STOOD.
NO OBJEC-TIONS.
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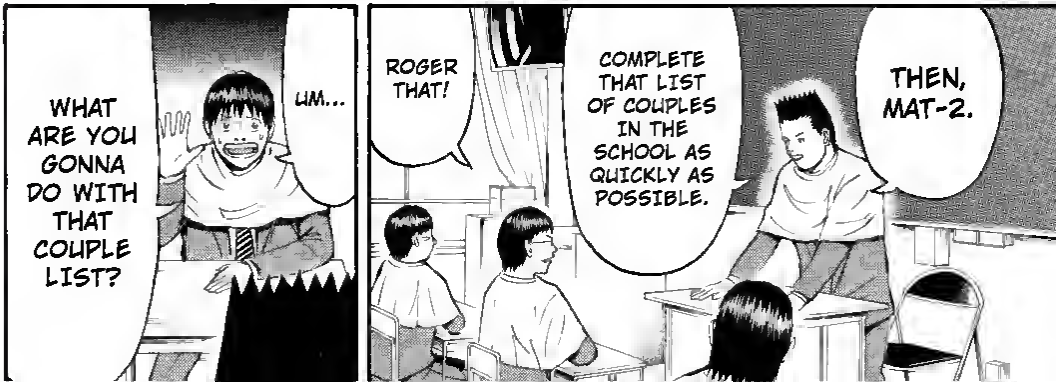
WHAT ARE YOU GONNA DO WITH THAT COUPLE LIST?
UM...
ROGER THAT!
COMPLETE THAT LIST OF COUPLES IN THE SCHOOL AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE.
THEN, MAT-2.

THESE IDIOTS ARE SERIOUS.
NO OBJEC-TIONS!
WHAT ELSE?
MASS PURGES.

WHAT WOULD YOU DO IF ONE OF US WAS GOING OUT WITH A GIRL?
EXCUSE ME, BUT...

WELL...
THAT WOULD MEAN THEY'VE BETRAYED US AND OUR "LIFE-HAVER-HATING" IDEALS, SO...
HYPOTHET-ICALLY! I MEAN HYPOTHET-ICALLY!
BWA
HA
HA
HA

NOOOOOO!!
WE'D SLICE HIS JUNK UP OCTOPUS-WEINER-STYLE.

OH...
UH...
HUH?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN, "NOOOOO"?

...OF COURSE NOT...
OF...

...
ピクッ
FLINCH
IT'S NOT LIKE YOU HAVE A GIRL-FRIEND, RIGHT, AOSHIMA-SHI?

YOU THINK WE DON'T KNOW THAT, YA IDJIT?!
GAHAHAHA!
OHHOHOH!
SHAHAH!
ヒッヒッヒャッ
ヒャッヒャッ
IF YOU HAD A GIRL-FRIEND, THE REST OF US WOULD BE A PACK OF FRIGGIN' CASANOVAS!!
WHY ARE YOU BRINGING UP SOME-THING WE ALL KNOW AS ESTABLISH-ED FACT?!
*HITTING THE WALL
THUD
THUD
THUD
THUD
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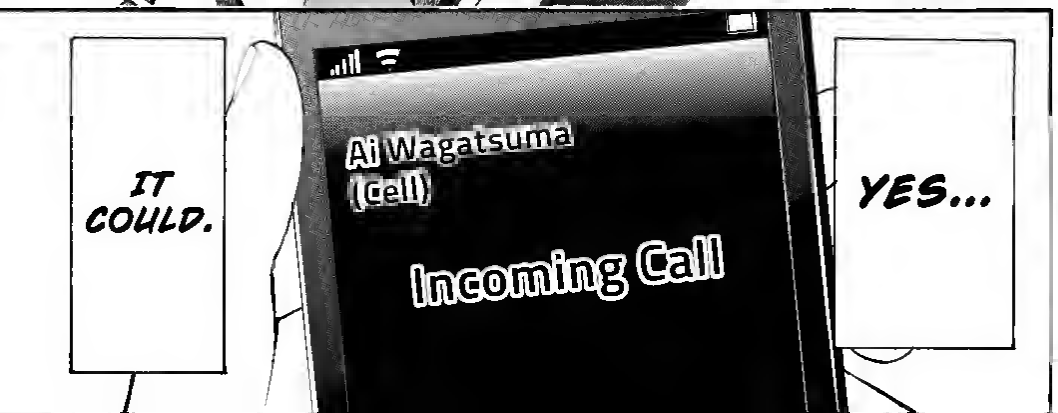
BZZZZZZZZT
WHO COULD BE CALLING ME NOW?
COULD IT BE WAGATSUMA-SAN?
NO...
IT COULDN'T BE...
BZZZT


YES...
Ai Wagatsuma (cell)
Incoming Call
IT COULD.

BUZZ
ブブブ
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ブブブ
AREN'T YOU GOING TO ANSWER THAT?
WHAT'S WRONG?
!!!!
FLINCH
ビクウ
HELLO?
...AO-SHIMA SPEAK-ING.
THUMP
ドキ
THUMP
ドキ
THUMP
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BUZZ
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BUZZ
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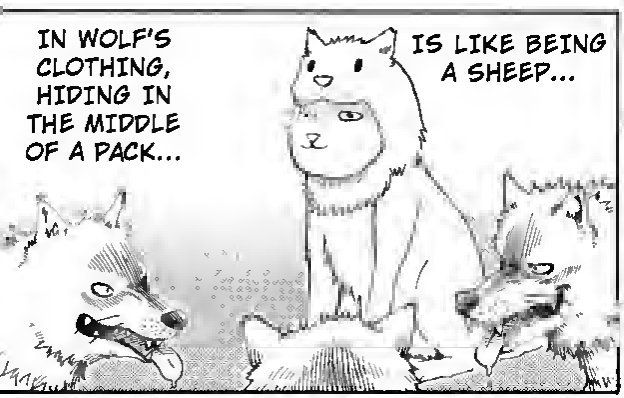
Y... YEAH!
YOU GONNA ANSWER THAT?!
MAN, THAT IS ANNOY-ING!!

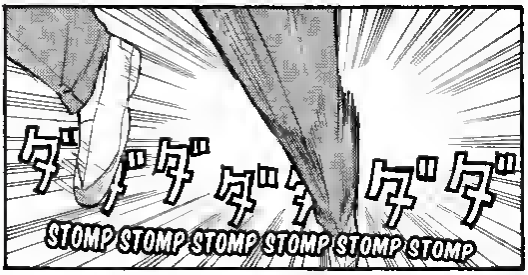
IT'S ME, WAGA-TSUMA.
OH, AO-SHIMA-KUN?


IN WOLF'S CLOTHING, HIDING IN THE MIDDLE OF A PACK...
IS LIKE BEING A SHEEP...

OHHHHH!
THIS SITUATION...
...OKAY.

SAY, AOSHIMA-KUN.
NO... THERE WAS THAT ONE IN "PRIN-CESS MONO-NOKE"...
NO...WAIT A MINUTE... SCENES LIKE THAT DON'T EXIST, DO THEY?

DO YOU WANNA COME OVER AND WATCH SOME DVDS?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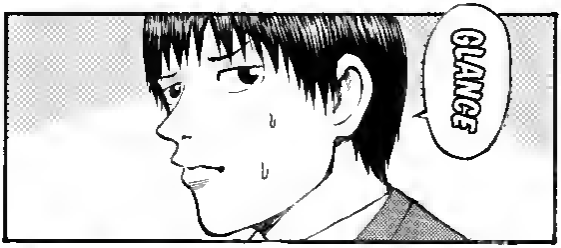
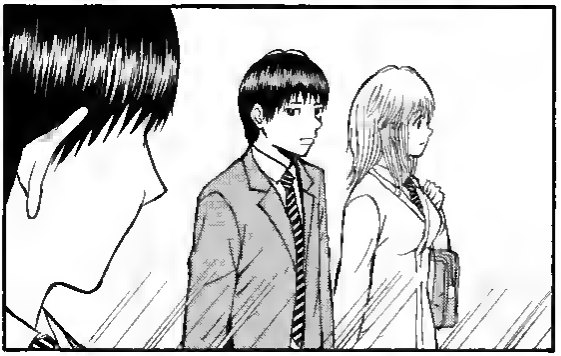
RIGHT NOW, I AM USAIN BOLT!!
HRNGH!!
ARE YOU KIDDING ME?!! WAGATSUMA-SAN INVITED ME OVER!!
AOSHIMA-KUUUUUN!
D... DID I KEEP... YOU WAIT-ING?!
WHEEZE
PANT
NO...I'M PERFECTLY FINE...
BUT DID YOU RUN HERE?
NO, NO! NOT AT ALL!
COME ON! YOU WERE RUNNING JUST NOW, WEREN'T YOU?!
WHY ARE YOU LYING ABOUT IT?!

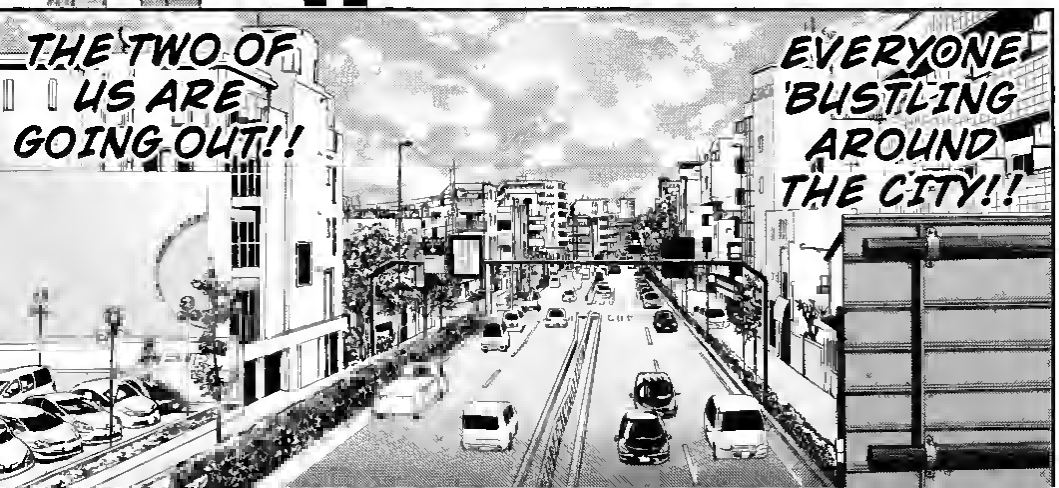
WHOA! WHOA!
RIGHT NOW, I AM WALK-ING WITH WAGATSUMA-SAN!!
SO...SO THIS IS WHAT DATING IS LIKE?
THIS IS AWE-SOME!!
GLANCE
WHOA!
?
SHE'S SO CUTE!!





BWA-HAHA-HAHA!

WE'RE *TOTALLY* A COUPLE NOW.

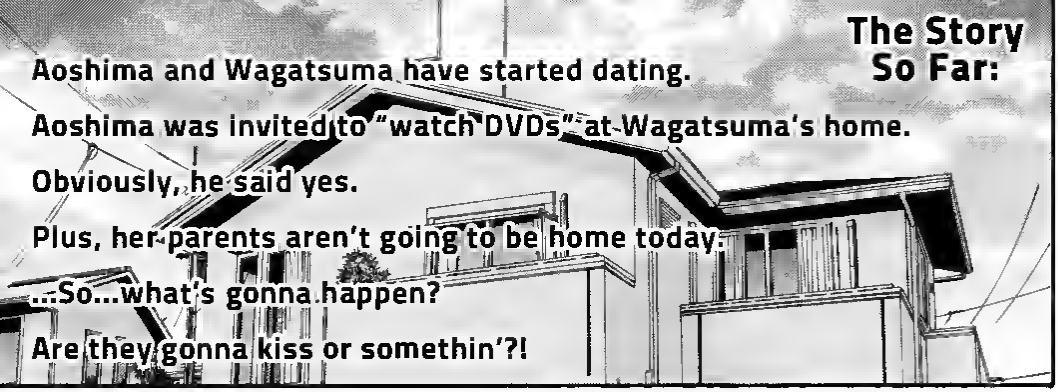


HEY, KID.
HMM?
THE LADY AND I ARE A COUPLE.
OH, REALLY?
...IS WHAT I WANT TO DO.
NOT THAT I WILL, OF COURSE!!

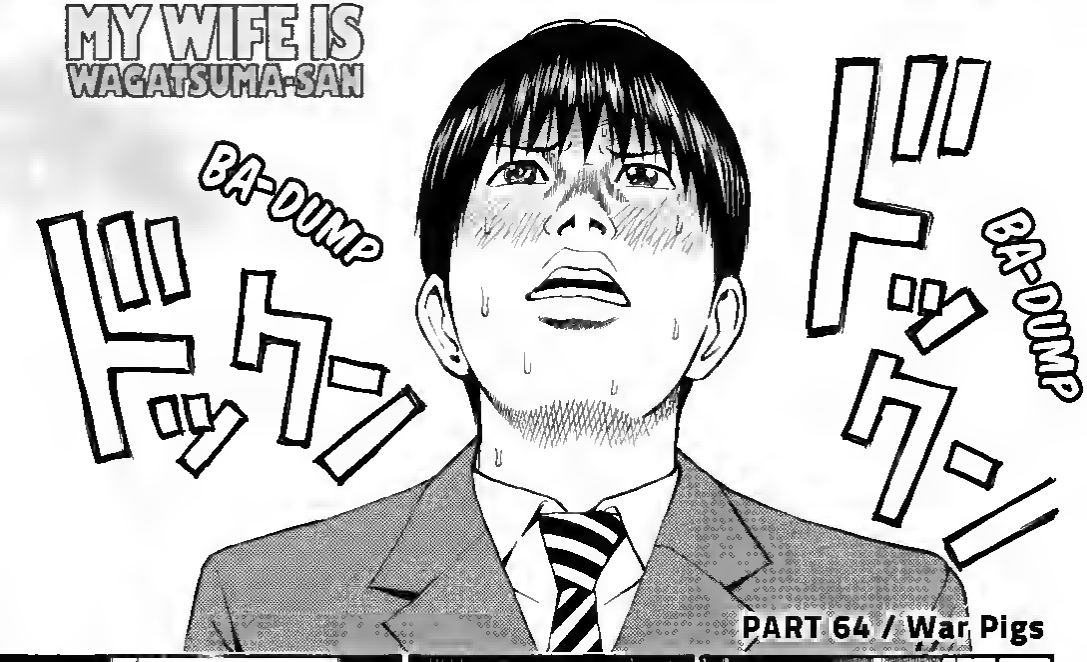
IS WAGATSUMA -SAN'S HOUSE...
OHH! SO THIS...
HMM?
HEY, AO-SHIMA-KUN.
ALL RIGHT! LET'S DO THIS!!

SO WE CAN BE AS LOUD AS WE LIKE.
MY MOM AND DAD AREN'T COMING HOME TO-NIGHT...

WHAT WAS GOING ON IN AOSHIMA'S HEAD AS HE GREW ELATED:
FWOOOOOM
もももも
ALL RIGHT, LET'S GO INSIDE.
O...
OKAY.
SHOCKING NEWS!! THE STAIRCASE TO ADULTHOOD EXISTS IN-SIDE WAGATSUMA-SAN'S HOUSE!!
TO BE CONTINUED!


The Story So Far:
Aoshima and Wagatsuma have started dating.
Aoshima was invited to "watch DVDs" at Wagatsuma's home.
Obviously, he said yes.
Plus, her parents aren't going to be home today.
...So...what's gonna happen?
Are they gonna kiss or somethin'?!

MY WIFE IS WAGATSUMA-SAN



PART 64 / War Pigs

COME IN...
AO-SHIMA-KUN.
THROUGH THIS DOOR LIES...
ANOTHER WORLD.
MY WIFE IS WAGATSUMA-SAN
STORY: YUU KURAISHI COMIC: KEISHI NISHIKIDA

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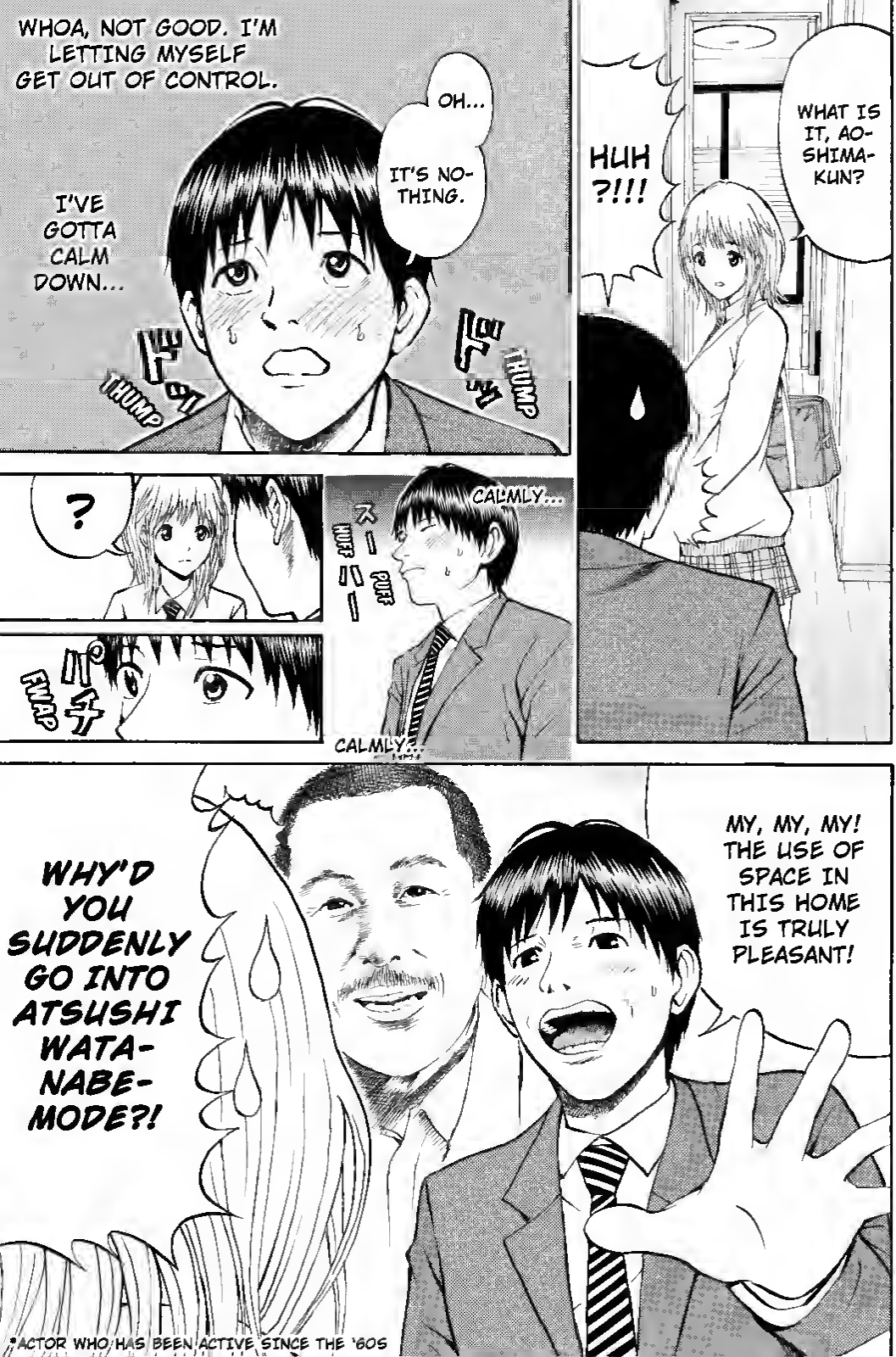
*JAPANESE SKI JUMP TEAM THAT HAS COMPETED IN THE WINTER OLYMPICS AMONG OTHER COMPETITIONS



*ACTOR WHO HAS BEEN ACTIVE SINCE THE '60S

COME ON...
OKAY! O-
MAKE YOUR-SELF AT HOME.
THIS IS... A PRETTY BIG PLACE...
WOW...
IT'S GOT KIND OF A "RICH" VIBE...

OKAY!
I'M JUST GOING TO CHANGE CLOTHES REAL QUICK!
THUNK
パタン
OH! OKAY!
HAVE A SEAT AND I'LL BE RIGHT BACK!
ALL RIGHT, AO-SHIMA-KUN.
.....HMM.....
ONE OF THOSE PATTERNS WHERE SHE DOESN'T LET ME INTO HER ROOM?
ONE OF THOSE?
GLANCE
IS THIS...
GLANCE

WAS IT SOMETHING I SAID?
THAT'S WEIRD...
HIS FIRST TIME, SO EVERY LITTLE THING FREAKS HIM OUT
YEAH, DON'T MIND IF I DO!
YO, COME ON IN!
WHEN GUYS VISIT EACH OTHER, THEY GO STRAIGHT FROM THE DOOR TO THE BEDROOM.
NO!
BUT SHE'S NOT GONNA LET ME INTO HER ROOM TODAY...
WAIT A MINUTE...
SHE SAID SHE WAS GOING TO "CHANGE CLOTHES"...
DON'T TELL ME...
SORRY I TOOK SO LONG, AOSHI-MA-KUN.
HUH ?!!!
KER-CHUNK
ガチャ

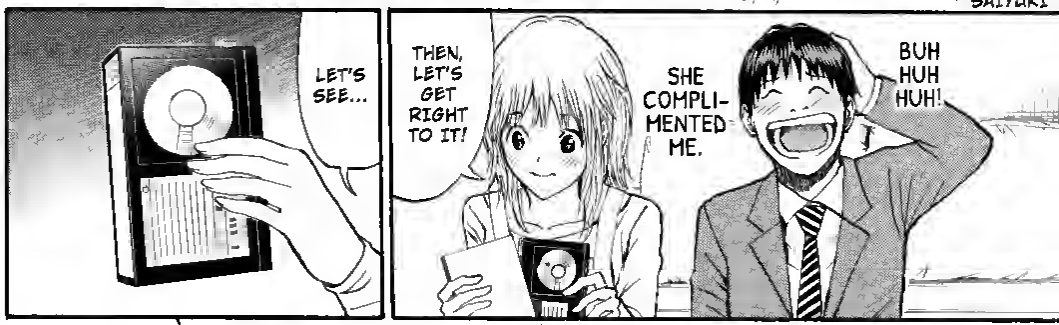
BUT...BUT I WOULD RESPECT HER WISHES!!
NO, NO, NO! WAGATSUMA-SAN WOULDN'T DO ANYTHING SO INDECENT...
I...I THOUGHT YOU MIGHT LIKE IT, AO-SHIMA-KUN...
W... WAGA-TSUMA-SAN, ISN'T THAT A SWIM-SUIT?!
THE ROMANCE WON'T STOP!!
ISN'T THERE SOME OTHER ROMANCE BEYOND SWIMSUITS?!
NO!! DON'T TELL ME...
W-WAGA-TSUMA-SAN... YOU'RE NAKED!!
SORRY I TOOK SO LONG, AOSHIMA-KUN. ♡
FOR IN-STANCE...
OR SOME-THING?!
I WANT YOU TO SEE MY EVERY-THING.
WHOA!!
ガラッ
KER-CHUNK
SORRY I TOOK SO LONG, AOSHIMA-KUN.

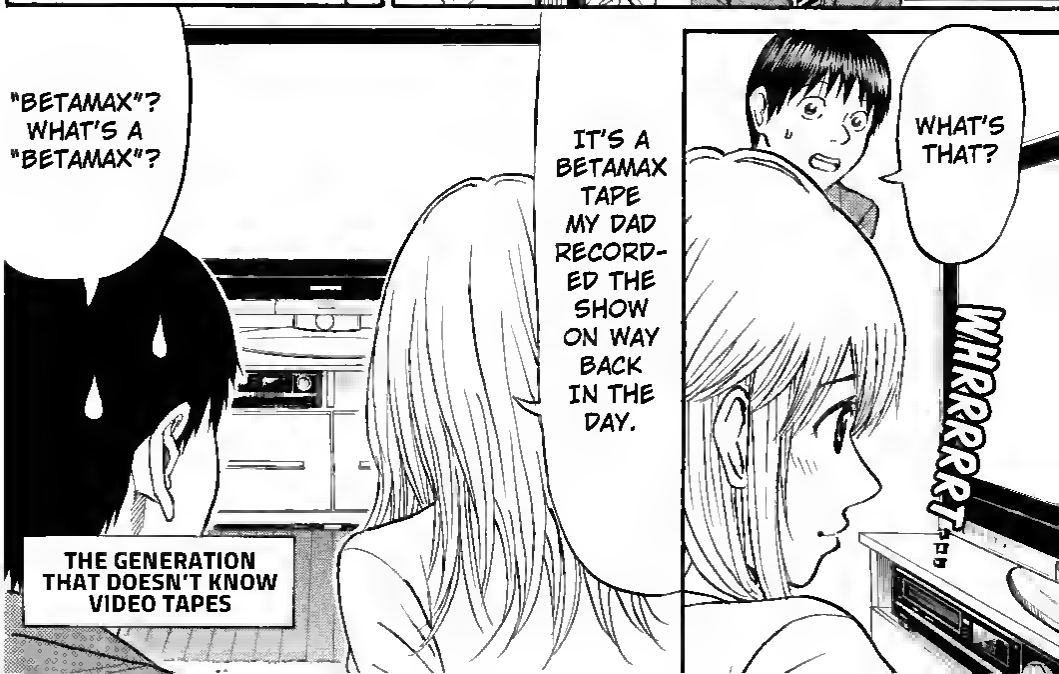
UPSY-DAISY.
OHHHHHH?!
PLOP
WHAT'S ALL THIS?!
-PHEW-
SO, WHICH ONE DO YOU WANT TO WATCH?
WHICH OF THESE CAREFULLY SELECTED TEN MASTER WORKS?!
どぉん
BOOM
PAT
PAT
DVD-Box
DVD-Box

WHAT'S WRONG, AOSHIMA-KUN?! YOU'RE REALLY HUNCHED OVER!!
YEAH... IT'S NOT LIKE ANY-THING SPECIAL'S GOING TO HAPPEN...
ズゥ-ン...
SLUMP
OH, RIGHT...
THE DVDS...
THAT'S RIGHT. I CAME OVER TO WATCH DVDS...
YEAH... THAT'S RIGHT...
THESE DVDS...
池畑玄太 8000円
AND AS FOR...
...HMM?
ALL OUR CHOICES ARE RATHER AUSTERE..

WOW, GOOD EYE, AO-SHIMA-KUN!!
加齢なる刑事
OH!! I LIKE THIS ONE!!
西遊記 vol.4
西遊記 vol.3
西遊記 vol.2
時報警察

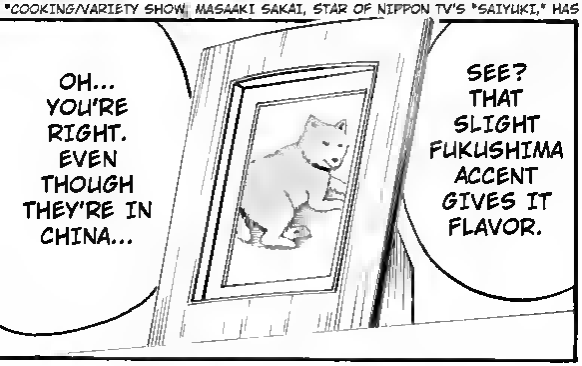
*"SAIYUKI"

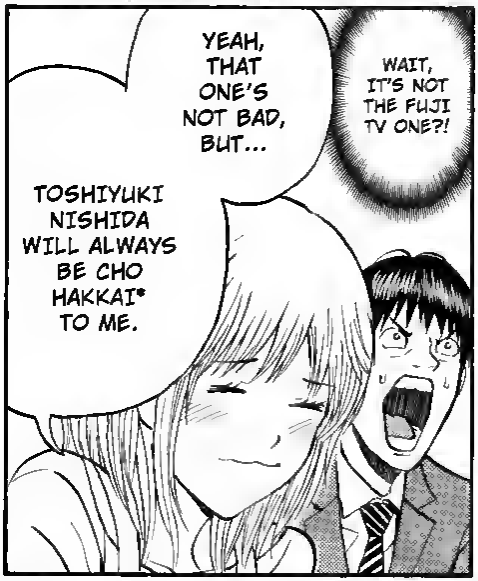

LET'S SEE...
THEN, LET'S GET RIGHT TO IT!
SHE COMPLI-MENTED ME.
BUH HUH HUH!


"BETAMAX"? WHAT'S A "BETAMAX"?
IT'S A BETAMAX TAPE MY DAD RECORD-ED THE SHOW ON WAY BACK IN THE DAY.
WHAT'S THAT?
WHIRRRRRT
THE GENERATION THAT DOESN'T KNOW VIDEO TAPES

OH LORD, THIS IS THE NIPPON TV VERSION, SILLY!
HUH?! HUH?! WHERE'S SHINGO KATORI* ?!!!
HUH?! WHAT'S THE OLD GUY FROM "SATURDAY NIGHT CHUBAW*" DOING HERE?!
WHOA!! LOOK AT ALL THAT HAIR! HOW SCARY!!

*COOKING/VARIETY SHOW. MASAAKI SAKAI, STAR OF NIPPON TV'S "SAIYUKI," HAS A SEGMENT ON IT. *SHINGO KATORI: STAR OF THE FUJI TV VERSION





*PART-HUMAN, PART-PIG CHARACTER FROM THE STORY

*FUJI TV'S "SAIYUKI" WAS RELEASED IN 2006; NIPPON TV'S WAS 1978

AHHHHH! THAT WAS GOOD, WASN'T IT?!
YEAH.
THEN, YOU WANT TO WATCH ANOTHER ONE?
NO, NO! WE'VE ALREADY WATCHED FOUR...I KIND OF THINK THAT'S PLENTY FOR TODAY...
WAGA-TSUMA-SAN...
YOU REALLY LIKE TV DRAMAS, DON'T YOU?

YEP.
I LOVE THEM.
THEN, MAYBE I SHOULD WATCH MORE DRAMAS TOO.
OH! THAT'S A GOOD IDEA!
HUH... WHAT SHOULD I WATCH FIRST?
WELL, THEN...
HMM...
FOR SOME-THING RECENT, HOW ABOUT "DOCTOR X"?!
IT'S REALLY GOOD!
OKAY!
"DOCTOR X," HUH? GOT IT!!

IT SURE IS, ISN'T IT?
YEAH.
YEP.
AHHHHH! IT'S SOOO FUN TO BE ABLE TO TALK ABOUT THIS KIND OF STUFF WITH SOMEONE!
WITH THIS PAUSE?
WHAT'S...
...HMM?
WHAT SHOULD I DO?
HUH? WHAT THE?
MY HEART IS POUND-ING!!
WHAT IS THIS?
WHAT IS IT?
OH JEEZ!
THUMP
THUMP
THUMP
THUMP

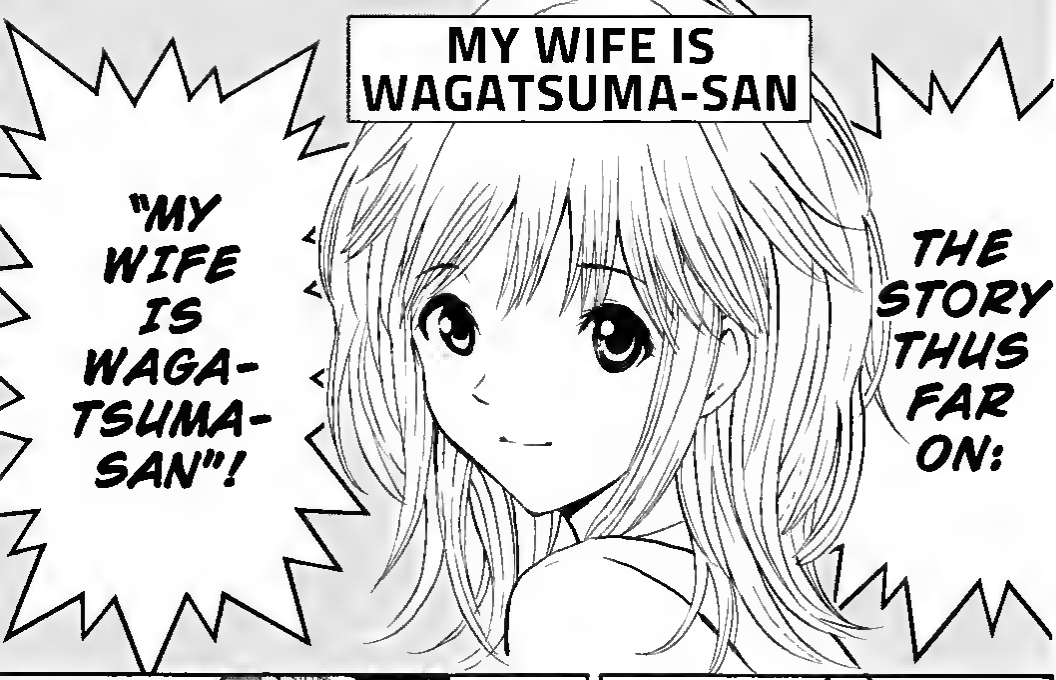
DASH
OH, ONII-CHAN.
KER-CHUNK
I'M HOME!
AHHH! THE TABLE !!!!
N-NICE TO MEET YOU!! M-MY NAME IS HITOSHI AOSHIMA !!!!
KRASH
AH!!
KRASH
DO YOU THINK IT'LL BE OKAY?
YOUR BROTHER LOOK-ED...
PRETTY ANNOYED...
DON'T WORRY. IT'LL BE FINE.
I'LL TALK TO HIM FOR YOU.
SEE YA.
YEP!
AO-SHIMA-KUN?
YES?

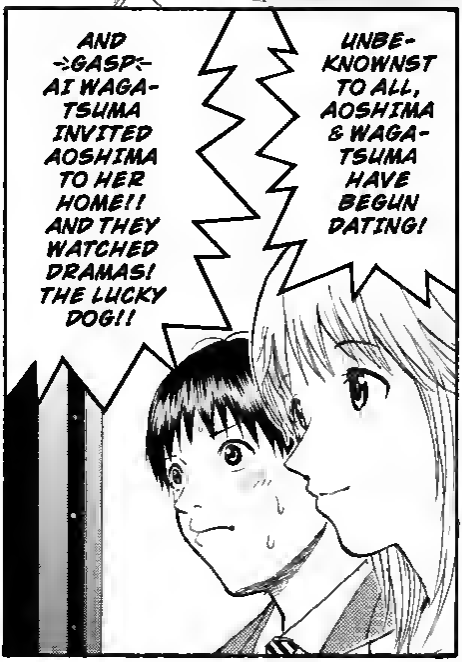
BOW
I LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING MORE OF YOU IN THE FUTURE!!
YES!
Y-
RMB RMB RMB RMB
ISN'T THAT...
AO-SHI-MA?

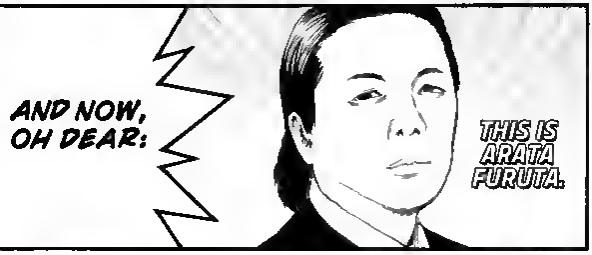
A... AOSHI-MA...
HMM?
SAY IT AIN'T SO...
HUFF
HUFF
WHOA!! WHAT'S GOTTEN INTO YOU GUYS?!
DANG IT!!
THOK
?!
TH-THAT'S NAGA-MORI FROM CLASS A!!
HUFF

IS IT TRUE THAT YOU'RE GOING OUT...
WITH AI WAGA-TSUMA ?!!!!
HOW... DO YOU KNOW THAT?
WAH!
WAH!
WHOA !!!!
AHHHHH! SO IT IS TRUE?!
EVERYONE'S BEEN TALK-ING ABOUT IT ALL MORNING!
HUH?! AI, ARE YOU REALLY GOING OUT WITH THAT LOSER?!
WAIT A MIN-UTE!! AI, ARE YOU KID-DING ?!!!
WILL THEIR MISMATCHED RELATIONSHIP BRING FORTH TRAGEDY?
I'M SORRY. THERE WILL BE NO "MY WIFE IS WAGATSUMA-SAN" NEXT ISSUE. WE'LL BE BACK IN #7, AND IN #8 WE'LL REVEAL THE RESULTS OF THE CHARACTER POPULARITY POLL!!

MY WIFE IS WAGATSUMA-SAN




AND -:GASP:- AI WAGA-TSUMA INVITED AOSHIMA TO HER HOME!! AND THEY WATCHED DRAMAS! THE LUCKY DOG!!
UNBE-KNOWNST TO ALL, AOSHIMA & WAGA-TSUMA HAVE BEGUN DATING!



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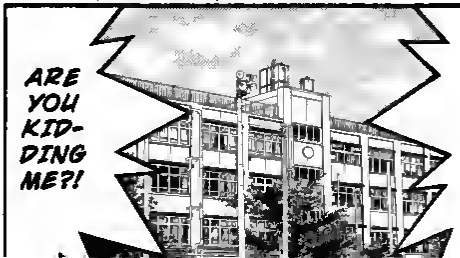

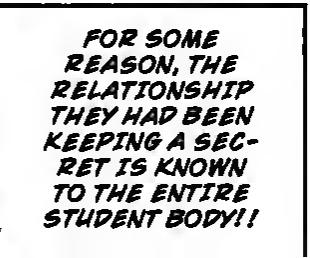

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AOSHII
MAAAAAA!!
WHADDID YOU DO TO WAGATSUMA, YOU JERK?!
ARE YOU BLACKMAILING HER OR SOMETHING?! HAVE YOU PUMPED HER SO FULL OF DRUGS SHE DOES WHATEVER YOU SAY?!
?!
AOSHIMASHI!
GRAB
FLOP
YOU THINK I CAN DO THAT CRAP?!
PART 65
Bold As Love

TEACH ME THE METHOD YOU USE TO CONTROL WOMEN!
I DON'T KNOW ANY METHOD FOR DOING THAT, AND EVEN IF I DID, YOU'D BE THE LAST PERSON I'D TELL!!

TO THINK, SANO-KUN, WHO DIDN'T LOSE HIS COMPOSURE EVEN WHEN THE OTHER TEAM HIT A TWO-RUN HOMER TO TAKE THE PREFECTURAL QUARTERFINAL MATCH IN THE BOTTOM OF THE 9TH...
IS SO SHOCKED!!
D... D...
DANG IT!!
AHH! CHECK OUT SANO-KUN, THE YU DARVISH OF ZAISHOU HIGH!!
AHHH! HERE COMES SANO-KUN'S GIRL-FRIEND!
HUH? OH...
HANG ON, JUST WHAT ARE YOU "DANG IT"-ING ABOUT?
WHA?!!!
WAIT, HOW DID EVERY-ONE KNOW ABOUT IT IN THE FIRST PLACE?
DO DO WHUM?
BECAUSE OF THIS, YOU IDIOT!
HUH?!!!

WHAT THE HECK IS THIS ?!!!

WH-

MY WIFE IS WAGATSUMA-SAN

STORY: YUU KURAISHI COMIC: KEISHI NISHIKIDA

BWAHA-HAHAHA-HAHA!
新聞部
*"NEWSPAPER CLUB"
THIS IS PROBABLY THE BIGGEST IMPACT WE'VE HAD SINCE THE PAPER WAS FOUNDED!
THIS EXTRA EDITION WAS A BIG HIT!!
BUT OF COURSE.
SHWIP
MEMBER OF THE FUJOSHI CIRCLE "HAGAKURE" AND THE ZAISHOU HIGH NEWSPAPER CLUB:
MIKI FUJIMOTO
IS ON THE SCENE!!
THERE'S ALWAYS A CASE TO REPORT WHEN POLICE BEAT REPORTER MIKI...
HEH HEH HEH HEH HEH
SO, DO I HAVE PERMISSION TO USE THE NEWSPAPER CLUB'S COPY MACHINE?
YOU'RE A WICKED ONE, AIN'T YA?
FOR MAKIN DOUJINSHI

MAN, THAT LUCKY DOG...
BEATS ME...
THEN WHY'S SHE DATING HIM?
NO, IT LOOKS LIKE THAT ISN'T IT...
HUH? WHAT? ARE HIS PARENTS RICH OR SOMETHING?
CHATTER
THEN, DIDN'T I HAVE A SHOT?
NO WAY. NOT A CHANCE. (LOL)
NOT EXACTLY A LOOKER, IS HE?
WHAT, SERIOUSLY?! WITH THAT GUY?!
YOU MEAN THE WAGA-TSUMA IN YEAR 2?
HUH? AI WAGA-TSUMA IS GOING OUT WITH THAT GUY?!

ガラガラガラ
RATTLE RATTLE RATTLE

I THOUGHT I WAS PREPARED FOR THIS...
BUT I DIDN'T EXPECT IT TO BE THIS BAD...
WAS ABOUT ME... WASN'T IT?
ALL OF THAT...

WHUMP
OHHH JEEZ...
HEH HEH HEH
GIGGLE GIGGLE
OH JEEZ...
JEEZ, YOU CAN'T BE SERIOUS, CAN YOU, AI?!!!
THUNK
I'M SURE THEY'LL GET IT OUT OF THEIR SYSTEMS SOON...I'M SURE THEY'LL GET IT OUT OF THEIR SYSTEMS SOON...
I CAN'T BEAR THEIR GAZES...

IS IT THAT SERIOUS?!!
WHAT THE?! WAGATSUMA-SAN IS SURROUNDED!!
WELL, JUST BETWEEN US...
HUH?
YEAH.
AH, JEEZ!
HUH?
BUT...
THAT'S RIGHT. YOU SHOULD REALLY RETHINK THIS!
THERE ARE A WHOLE LOT MORE BETTER MEN OUT THERE.
AND I'M SAYING THIS FOR YOUR OWN GOOD...
OH!
HEY, AI.
HUH?! NO!! STOP IT!!
DAMENS WALKER
THIS IS WHAT YOU LOOK LIKE RIGHT NOW!
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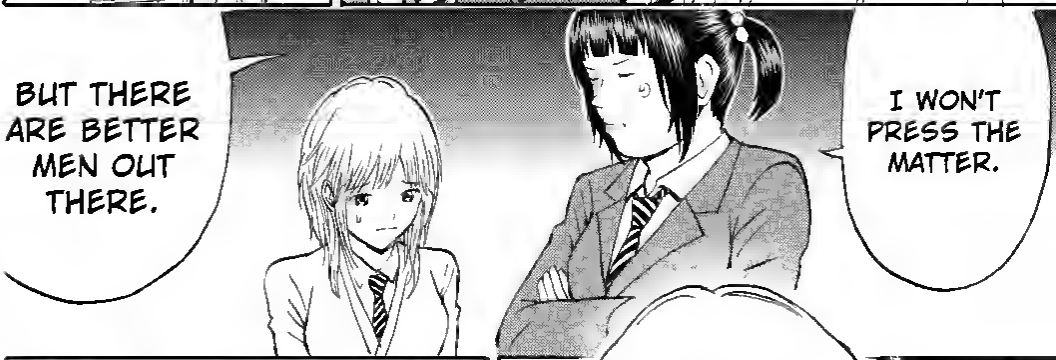
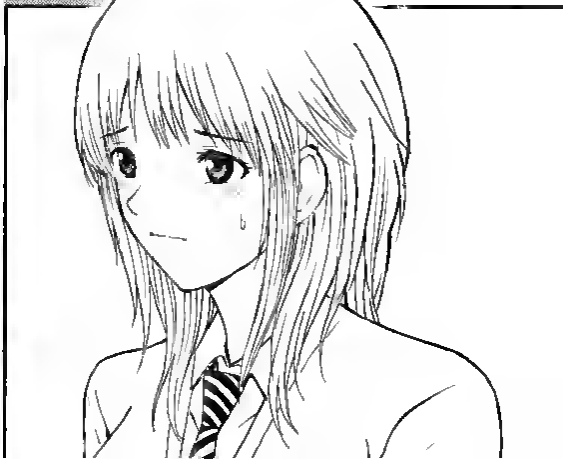
BOOM!
どーん!
A WOMAN'S WORTH IS DETERMINED BY THE MAN SHE DATES.
SAKI "OKUBO" AIBU-SAN IS HERE!
DESPITE BEING UGLY, SHE'S RADIATING AN AURA LIKE THAT OF OASIZU'S KAYOKO OKUBO-SAN*!
THAT'S AIBU-SAN FOR YOU! SHE'S ALWAYS SAYING SOMETHING THAT PISSES YOU OFF!
GALLERY
*COMEDIENNE FAMOUS FOR DIRTY TALK
WELL...


I WON'T PRESS THE MATTER.
BUT THERE ARE BETTER MEN OUT THERE.



IT MAKES ME CRABBY TO ADMIT IT, BUT...
THEY HAVE...
A POINT!!

I GET THE FEELING I CAN'T SAY ANY-THING LIKE THAT...

"STOP SCREWING WITH ME! IT'S NOT BECAUSE I'M RICH OR SOMETHING! YOU DON'T KNOW IT, BUT I'M REALLY AN UNWELCOME GUY!!"

WAIT...I KNOW I SHOULDN'T LET MYSELF BE CONVINCED BY THEIR ARGU-MENTS, BUT...

"WHY?" YOU ASK?
BECAUSE I REALLY DON'T HAVE ANY REDEEMING FEATURES!

WAGA-TSUMA-SAN IS...
CLEARLY UPSET...
IS AO-SHIMA-KUN REALLY--
IS AO-SHIMA...
BUT WHAT CAN I SAY?
BUT THAT DOESN'T MEAN I CAN LET IT KEEP GOING ON LIKE THIS...
PLUS, RIGHT NOW...
...REALLY THAT WORTH-LESS?
SILVIA...

HE DOESN'T STAND OUT, AND HIS FACE ISN'T THAT GREAT.
HE'S BORING AND UN-ATTRAC-TIVE.
ズ・ン
ZING
ズ・ン
ZING
GETS BAD GRADES, AND HE'S TERRIBLE WHEN IT COMES TO SPORTS.
ZING...
SURE, AO-SHIMA...
BUT...
B-
BUT!!!!
AOSHIMA IS THE KIND OF GUY WHO CAN DO THINGS OTHERS CAN'T.
NO, NO! SHE SAYS SHE WANTS TO GO, BUT I KNOW SHE REALLY WANTS TO STAY!!

I BET HE'S MORE COMPASSIONATE THAN ANYONE ELSE IN THIS ROOM.
THUMP
THUMP
THUMP
NOT USED TO BEING COMPLI-MENTED →
AND MORE IMPOR-TANTLY...
AOSHIMA IS MY FRIEND.
SO I'D RATHER NOT HEAR YOU BAD-MOUTH-ING HIM.

!
SHIMO-TSUMA-SAN...
YEAH.
LET'S GO...
THANK YOU.
HEH
パタン
THUNK

SILVIA!
DING-DONG
FWIP
UM... SIL-VIA...
AOSHI-MA...
HEY!
HEY...
WAIT A SEC-OND...
HEY, LIS-TEN!

I'LL DO MY BEST TO BE ABLE TO STAND UP FOR MYSELF IN THE FUTURE!!
THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR COMING TO MY RESCUE TODAY!!
...I'M REALLY SORRY.
THAT'S ALL I WANTED TO SAY.
TEP TEP TEP

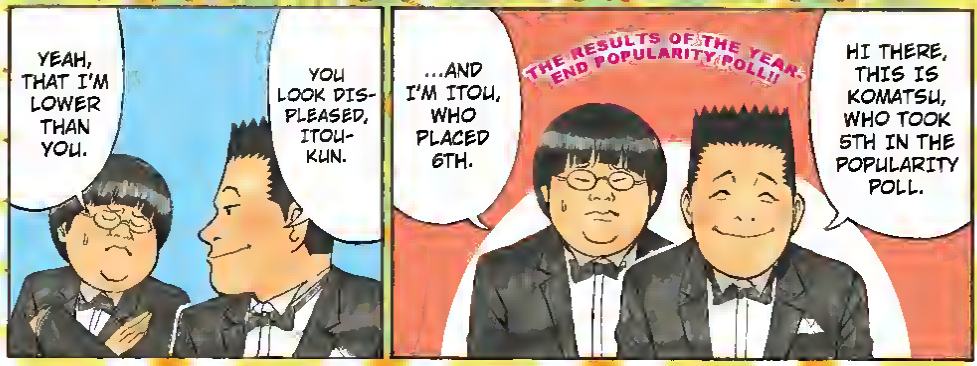
KRAK
HIIIII-YAH!!

PHEW!
SMACK
SMACK
WHACK
THUD
ROLL
ROLL

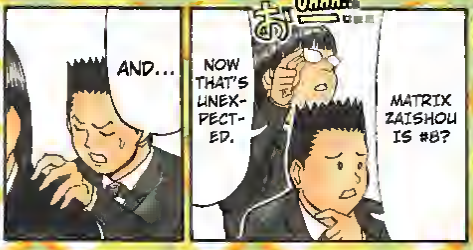
I FEEL A LOT BETTER NOW.
SEE YOU LATER, AOSHI-MA.

"MAYBE GOING OUT WITH A GIRL ISN'T THE WALK IN THE PARK I IMAGINED," THOUGHT AOSHIMA.
?
?
"EVERYONE GETS JEALOUS AND ENVIES YOU, AND PEOPLE KICK YOU FROM BEHIND...
NEXT ISSUE, WE'LL HAVE EXTRA & COLOR PAGES! AND WE'LL ANNOUNCE THE RESULTS OF THE POPULAR POLL!

A TIME-SLIPPING ROM-COM THAT GETS MORE POPULAR WHEN THERE'S NO TIME SLIPS


YEAH, THAT I'M LOWER THAN YOU.
YOU LOOK DISPLEASED, ITOU-KUN.
...AND I'M ITOU, WHO PLACED 6TH.
THE RESULTS OF THE YEAR-END POPULARITY POLL!!
HI THERE, THIS IS KOMATSU, WHO TOOK 5TH IN THE POPULARITY POLL.

CHECK RAU!!
THEN, LET'S REVEAL RANKS FOUR THROUGH TWENTY!
AHHH! I CAME IN 4TH EVEN THOUGH I'M THE MAIN CHARACTER!
THAT'S A VERY COOKIE-CUTTER REACTION, HUH?
OH... AND THIS GUY'S SERIOUSLY BUMMED OUT BY THE RESULTS...



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#5 MASAO KOMATSU 182 VOTES
#6 SHIROU ITOU 150 VOTES
#7 HIKARI AOSHIMA 94 VOTES
#8 MATRIX ZAISHOU 76 VOTES
#9 SAKI AIBU 56 VOTES
#10 KENJIROU SHIMOTSUMA 48 VOTES
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#12 DOBASHI'S SISTER 38 VOTES
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#18 MIKI FUJIMURA 22 VOTES
#19 ELECTRIC MEDUSA (KOUJI NAKAMOTO) 19 VOTES
#20 NOBUO HINO 7 VOTES

←NOW (HONESTLY, WE SORT OF SAW IT COMING) FOR THE TOP THREE~~.

7016 TOTAL VOTES! THANKS FOR YOUR RESPONSES, EVERYONE!
1
AI WAGA-TSUMA
3250 VOTES
A GLORIOUS 1ST PLACE! THIS IS THE MOMENT YOUR ABSOLUTE HEROINE WAS BORN!!
AS THEY SHOULD!
THE HEROINES MONOPOLIZED THE TOP THREE!!
A CLOSE 2ND-PLACE FINISH! THE QUEEN WITH LOYALSEALNS!!
2
SILVIA SHIMO-TSUMA
1665 VOTES
AN IMPRESSIVE RANK CONSIDERING HER LOW NUMBER OF APPEARANCES! A GRAND THIRD PLACE FINISH FOR THE NUMBER THREE WIFE!!
3
RAN ITOU
711 VOTES

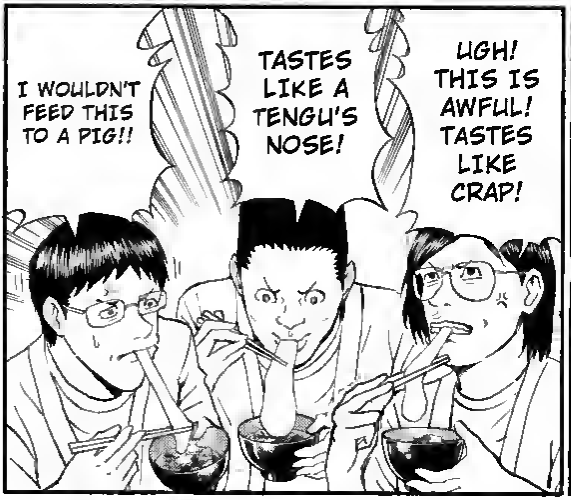
MY WIFE IS WAGATSUMA-SAN
THE MAIN STORY BEGINS WITH AN EXTRA-LARGE CHAPTER!

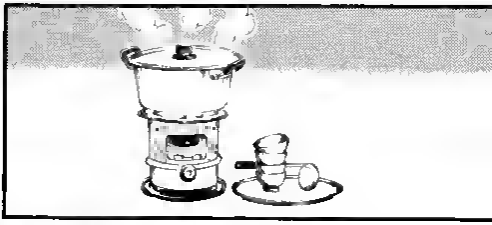
H...
THAT'S ODD...
HUUUH?!
THIS MAN, HITOSHI AOSHIMA, IS DATING THE HOTTEST GIRL IN SCHOOL, AI WAGATSUMA!! SO WHY, WHY IS HE SIGHING?!

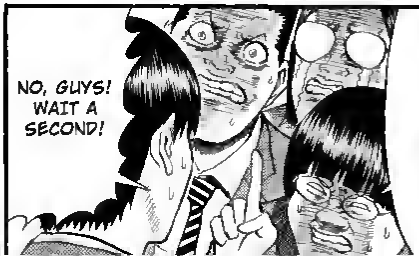
AOSHIMA
AI
THE RELATION-
SHIP ARC
IS SUPER-
POPULAR!!
GOING OUT...
ISN'T THE GOAL?!
MY WIFE IS
WAGATSUMA-SAN
DX
STORY: YUU KURAISHI COMIC: KEISHI NISHIKIDA

*"A.V. ROOM"
視聴覚室
PART 66
Little Wing
YEAH, WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOU?
HMM? WHAT'S UP, AOSHIMA?
ITOU
AOSHIMA'S FRIENDS
KOMATSU
COME ON, SPIT IT OUT.
WHAT WAS IT?
WELL...
SOMETHING HAPPENED THAT DOESN'T MAKE A LOT OF SENSE...
LIS-TEN, GUYS.
...

I WENT TO THE MOVIES WITH WAGATSUMA-SAN THE OTHER DAY, BUT...
I JUST, YOU KNOW, COULDN'T REALLY GET INTO IT...
AND I WAS JUST WONDER-ING...WHAT THE DEAL IS, YOU KNOW?
?
YARGH!!
WHUMP
WHAT THE ?!!!
HUP!
YEOUCH!!
WHAM
AND A-ONE, AND A-TWO...







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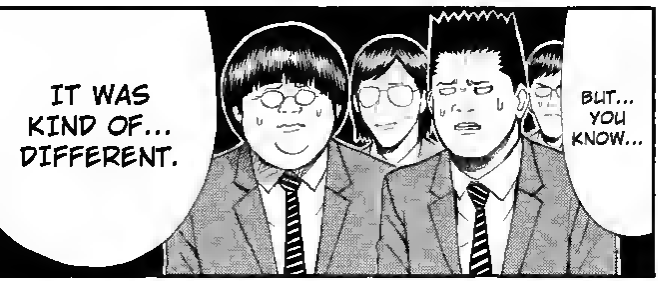
I COULDN'T COMPREHEND WHAT WAS HAPPENING ON SCREEN!
WHILE WE WERE WATCHING THE MOVIE, HAVING WAGATSUMA-SAN BESIDE ME WAS SO DISTRACTING...

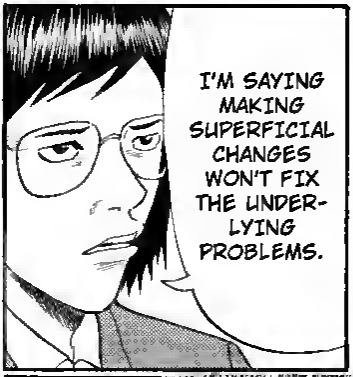
THE CONVERSATION WAS SO DIFFICULT, I COULDN'T COMPREHEND WHAT SHE WAS SAYING EITHER!
AND THE FORESHADOWING IN THE FIRST HALF...
BUT THAT TWIST WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN ENOUGH
THEN, WHEN WE WERE DISCUSSING THE MOVIE OVER TEA AFTERWARDS...


IT WAS KIND OF... DIFFERENT.
BUT... YOU KNOW...

HMM...

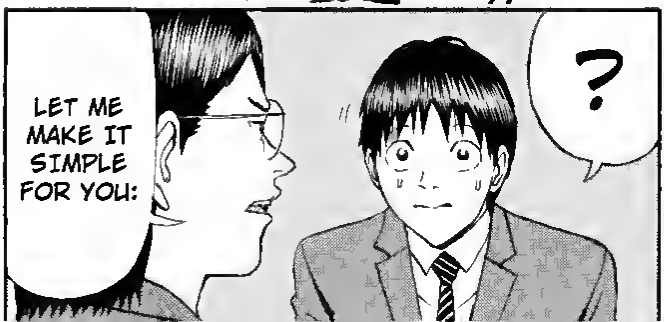
IN WHICH EVERYTHING SPARKLES...
I THOUGHT DATES WERE SUPPOSED TO BE, YOU KNOW... CAREFREE, UNCONDITIONAL, CEASELESSLY FUN EVENTS...

WHAT DO YOU THINK...
I SHOULD DO?
HOW SHOULD WE KNOW?!


I'M SAYING MAKING SUPERFICIAL CHANGES WON'T FIX THE UNDER-LYING PROBLEMS.

WH-
WHAT EXACTLY IS IT I CAN'T FIX?
GRR...

WELL...
I DOUBT YOU'LL FIX THIS NO MATTER WHAT YOU DO.
ELEC-TRIC MEDU-SA...


?
LET ME MAKE IT SIMPLE FOR YOU:

I...
...
FORCING YOURSELVES INTO A RELATIONSHIP IS GOING TO BRING YOU NOTHING BUT PAIN, AND YOU'LL PROBABLY END UP BREAKING UP.
AS PEOPLE, YOU AND AI WAGATSUMA ARE SIMPLY TOO FAR APART, SO YOUR RELATIONSHIP LACKS BALANCE.
WHOA! YOU STILL LOOK PLENTY FREAKED OUT THOUGH!
R-R-R-RIGHT, GUYS?
I-I-I-I'M S-S-SURE TH-TH-THAT'S NOT WH-WH-WHAT'S G-G-GOING ON...
SHAKE
SHAKE
SIGH...
...
WHAT MADE AI WAGATSUMA DECIDE TO GO OUT WITH THIS GUY IN THE FIRST PLACE?
I'M SURE THAT'S RINGING ALL SORTS OF BELLS FOR HIM.

YARGH !!!!
YOU'RE WASTING A TREASURE.
YEAH... IT'S THE GREATEST...
...WOW, ISN'T KICKING A MAN WHILE HE'S DOWN FUN?
JEEZ, MAN... YOU DON'T HAVE TO TALK LIKE THAT...
EVEN THE BEST HORSE STUMBLES !!!!
LOOKING A GIFT HORSE IN THE MOUTH!
PEARLS BEFORE SWINE!
THAT'S NOT WHAT THAT ONE MEANS.
EEK!!
STOP IT, GUYS!!
AAAH-HHH!!

I PICKED THE WRONG GUYS TO ASK FOR ADVICE...
ALL THOSE GUYS DO IS ACT JEALOUS OR MAKE FUN OF ME...
OH, THAT'S JUST HOW IT IS.
I NEED, LIKE...
A FRIEND WHO'S WELL-VERSED IN THE WAYS OF ROMANCE...
CRAP... AM I GONNA HAVE TO ASK MY LITTLE SISTER FOR ROMANTIC ADVICE AGAIN?
OH, AO-SHIMA!

I HEAR YOU'RE GOING OUT WITH WAGATSUMA-SAN, HUH?
FOR REAL? THAT'S AMAZING.
?
YEAH.
HAS ANYTHING LIKE THAT HAPPENED TO YOU?
HE'S TAKING NOTES?
HE MUST BE PRETTY DESPERATE...
HUH?
YOU CAN'T ENJOY YOUR DATES?
HMM...
WELL...

UMM?
NOPE.
DATES ARE PRETTY MUCH ALWAYS FUN.
HMM?
...
I MEAN, YOU'VE GOT A GIRL SITTING RIGHT BESIDE YOU!!
DOESN'T THAT MAKE YOU REALLY NERVOUS ?!!!
HUH?
WAIT... WHAT DO YOU MEAN, "HOW"?
HOW?

WAIT... LISTEN, MAN...
WHAT?! AOSHI-MA... YOU TWO ARE EN-GAGED?!
THIS IS THE GIRL WHO WILL ONE DAY BE MY BRIDE!
AND THIS ISN'T JUST ANY GIRL!!
WHAT ?!!!
NO, WE'RE NOT, BUT WE WILL GET MAR-RIED!!
NORMALLY, YOU DON'T THINK SO HARD ABOUT IT...
YOU'RE OVER-THINKING THIS.
NORMAL?
SO I'M NOT...

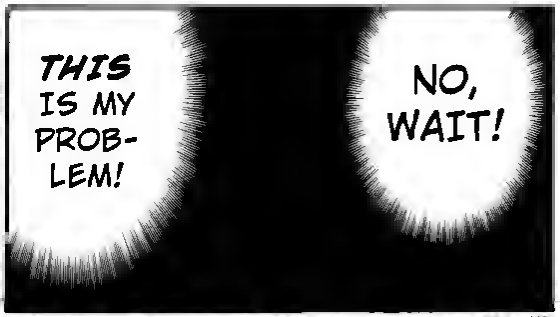
SUB-NORMAL
TSSSSSS
SEE?! RIGHT THERE!! YOU'RE OFF IN YOUR OWN LITTLE WORLD AGAIN, WAAAY OVER-THINKING THINGS!!
I'VE BEEN BRAND-ED!!
SUB-NORMAL
AHHH!
JUST ENJOY THESE DATES.
SO... STOP TAKING THINGS SO SER-IOUSLY AND...

IF...
IF I COULD DO ANY-THING THAT COOL...
I WOULD HAVE DONE IT A LONG TIME AGO!!
JUST RELAX AND ENJOY OUR DATES... HUH?
GET ANXIOUS?
DOESN'T EVERYONE ELSE...
OR, "WILL SHE REALLY MARRY A LOSER LIKE ME?"
NISSAN
LIKE, "WHAT IF SHE'S GOING OUT WITH ME, BUT ON THE INSIDE SHE'S SECRETLY SICK OF ME?"

SO MAYBE SHE CAN'T BRING HERSELF TO COMPLAIN TO ME...
WAGATSUMA-SAN HAS A REALLY KIND HEART...

DON'T THINK!! FEEL!!
I MUST BECOME A DATING MASTER!!

GASP


THIS IS MY PROBLEM!
NO, WAIT!

WOS BURGER

OH!
SORRY! DID I KEEP YOU WAIT-ING?
OH!
NO! I JUST GOT HERE !!!!
BOY, IT'S COLD OUT, ISN'T IT?
YES!! I THINK SO AS WELL!!
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING LIKE THAT FOR?
OH, I'LL TRY TO BE MORE CARE-FUL...

LET'S GO AGAIN NEXT MONTH.
I KNOW WE JUST WENT TO THE MOVIES THE OTHER DAY, BUT...
SO...
YEAH...
OH... THE MOV-IES, HUH?
HUH?
...WHO DIRECT-ED IT AGAIN?
IT LOOKS LIKE THEY'RE SHOWING THAT DIRECTOR'S LATEST FILM.
I DON'T REMEM-BER..!
WASN'T THAT MOVIE WE SAW GOOD?

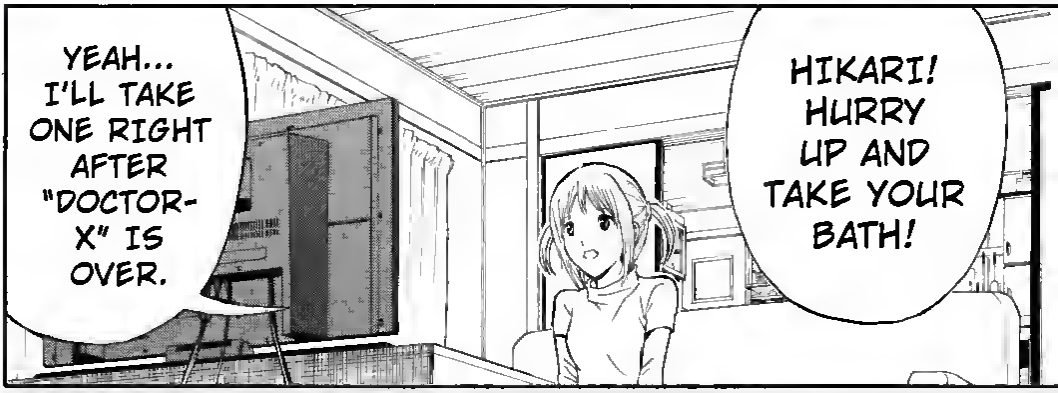
I'D FEEL SO SORRY FOR WAGATSUMA-SAN IF...
SHE WERE DATING A LIAR...
CAN I KEEP GOING OUT WITH HER WHILE LYING LIKE THIS?
HUH?
WHUMP
I'M SORRY !!!!
I, UM...
WHAT WAS THAT FOR?

-SIGH- I TOLD HER...
I DIDN'T ENJOY WATCH-ING THE MOVIE AT ALL!!
IN FACT, I DIDN'T WATCH A WHOLE LOT OF THE MOVIE...
ACTUALLY, I COULDN'T REALLY CONCENTRATE ON THE MOVIE AT ALL...
NO, NO!!
WERE YOU A-SLEEP?
I WASN'T ASLEEP, BUT...
I WASN'T ASLEEP.

...YOU, WAGA-TSUMA-SAN, THAN I DID LOOKING AT THE SCREEN.
I KIND OF GET THE FEEL-ING THAT I SPENT MORE TIME LOOKING AT...
EVEN THOUGH YOU WERE KIND ENOUGH TO INVITE ME TO THE MOVIES... I'M SORRY.
I THINK I WANTED TO WATCH YOU MORE THAN THE MOVIE, WAGATSUMA-SAN...
YES.
IS SHE MAD? I THINK SHE'S MAD...
OH, I SEE...
THE TRUTH IS...

I WAS WATCHING YOU TOO, AOSHIMA-KUN.
HUH?
I DIDN'T SEE VERY MUCH OF IT EITHER...
SO WHEN IT COMES OUT ON BLU-RAY, LET'S WATCH IT AGAIN.
...
THEN, WHAT ABOUT THE MOVIE AND STUFF?
YEAH.

HNGH!!
WAGATSUMA-SAAAN!!


YEAH... I'LL TAKE ONE RIGHT AFTER "DOCTOR-X" IS OVER.
HIKARI! HURRY UP AND TAKE YOUR BATH!

YOU FORGOT ABOUT YOUR PROMISE WITH WAGATSUMA-SAN TO WATCH "DOCTOR-X," AOSHIMA!!
Doctor-X
外科医・大門未知子
A FLAG!! HE TRIPPED A FLAG!!
OH, MY, MY, MY!
TO BE CONTINUED

MY WIFE IS WAGATSUMA-SAN
上野駅
Ueno Station
A RESTLESS AOSHIMA! IS THIS WHAT IT LOOKS LIKE?!
HMM...
IT'S ALMOST TIME...
SHE'S HERE!
OH, YOU'RE ALREADY HERE, AO-SHIMA-KUN!

YOU'RE ALWAYS EARLY WHEN WE GO SOMEWHERE.
YOU'RE SO PUNCTUAL, AOSHIMA-KUN.
Park Gate
公園南口
공원 개찰구
MY WIFE IS WAGATSUMA-SAN!
LET'S GO ON A DATE!
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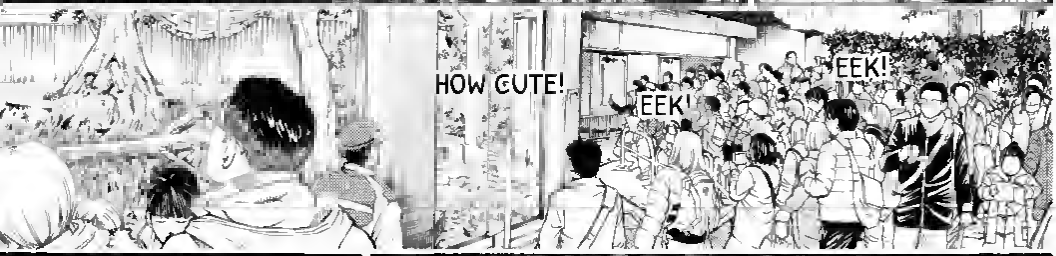
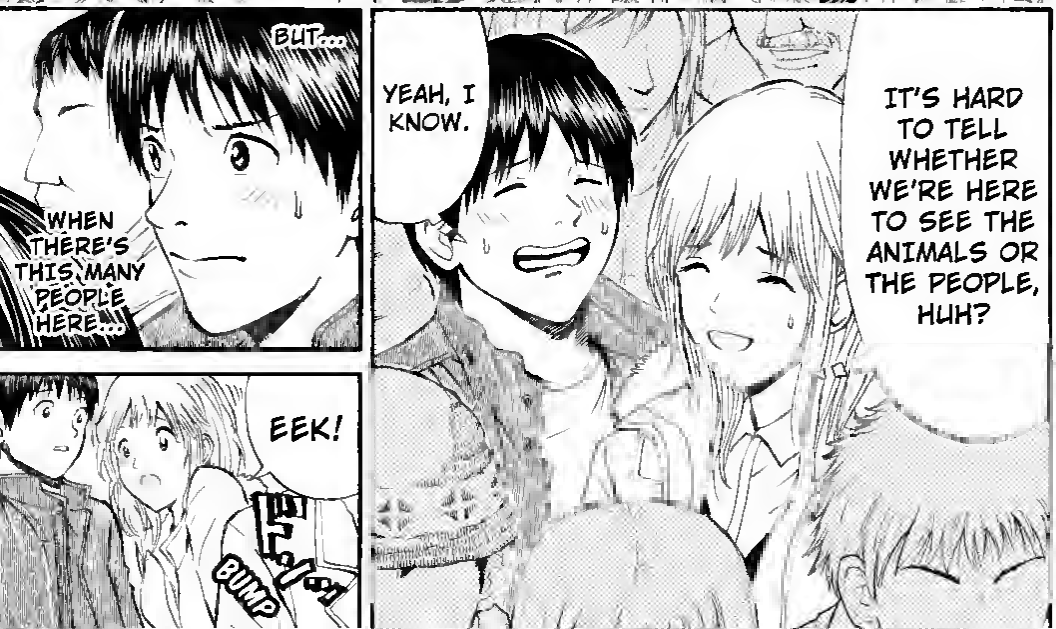
COMIC: KEISHI NISHIKIDA
WHOA!
SHE IS SOOOOO CUTE!
O... OH, NO...
IT'S NOTHING.

PART 67
Zoo




IT'S HARD TO TELL WHETHER WE'RE HERE TO SEE THE ANIMALS OR THE PEOPLE, HUH?
YEAH, I KNOW.
BUT...
WHEN THERE'S THIS MANY PEOPLE HERE...
EEK!
BUMP

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EVERY ONCE IN A WHILE...
THERE'S A NICE LITTLE SECOND OR TWO WHERE WE PRESS UP AGAINST EACH OTHER.
WOW!!
AHEM
コホン...
AH HA HA HA!
I'M SO JEAL-OUS!
IT'S GOT SUCH LONG EYE-LASHES!

HUH...
I HEAR GIRAFFES MOO LIKE COWS.
AND THEIR TONGUES ARE SO LONG THEY CAN CLEAN THEIR EARS WITH THEM.
YOU SURE KNOW A LOT ABOUT ANIMALS, AOSHIMA-KUN!
OH, BUT OF COURSE!
HUH. SO GIRAFFES NECKS ARE
I STUDIED UP LAST NIGHT ON THE INTERNET!!
AND THEIR NECKS ALONE CAN WEIGH MORE THAN 440 POUNDS.
PLUS, THEY ONLY SLEEP AN AVERAGE OF THIRTY MINUTES A DAY...
YAWN
YES!! IT IS ALWAYS BEST TO BE PREPARED!!
HA! HA! HA!
WOW! OH WOW! YOU KNOW SO MUCH ABOUT GIRAFFES!!

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BAM
HERE YOU ARE.
NO, NO, NO! NOT AT ALL! NOT AT ALL!!
HUH? DID YOU BRING LUNCH TOO, AO-SHIMA-KUN?
ARE YOU KID-DING MEEEEE-EEEEEEEEE?!
I CAN... EAT THIS?
THEN... DO YOU MEAN...

I'LL GLADLY HAB SOME!!
NO, OF COURSE NOT!!
I'M NOT BOTHERING YOU WITH THIS, AM I?
...YOU DON'T WANT TO?
DIG IN!
THANKS FOR THE FOOD...
TH-
GUB GUB GUB GUB
HERE YOU ARE.
OKAY.
THUNK
WHAT'S WRONG?
...

THAT'S NOT...
WHAT I WAS GOING TO SAY...
NO, IT IS! IT IS!
IT'S NOT GOOD?
UM...
UM...
YES?
I WAS JUST THINK-ING HOW WE'RE REALLY GOING OUT...
AND IT MADE ME REALLY HAPPY...

YOU AND I ARE GOING OUT RIGHT NOW.
THAT'S RIGHT.
WHY DO I FEEL LIKE...
I'M ABOUT TO CRY RIGHT NOW?
WHAT THE?
WHAT?
HUH?
YEAH.

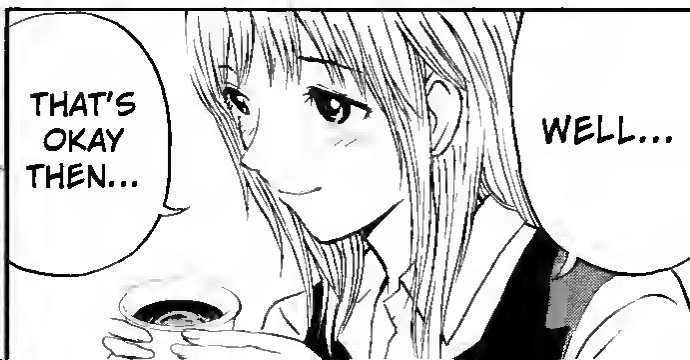
LOVE THIS WOMAN, HUH?
I REALLY DO...
OH, I SEE.

HUH?

I'M SORRY ABOUT TODAY.

OH, NO! THINK NOTH-ING OF IT!! I'M HAVING FUN!!
OH, YOU KNOW...I KIND OF FORCED YOU TO COME WITH ME TO THE ZOO...

YOU KNOW, I...


THAT'S OKAY THEN...
WELL...

WHEN I GRADUATE, I WANT TO BECOME A VETERI-NARIAN.
YOU DO, HUH...?
OH...
LAST YEAR...
WHEN JOHN...
OUR DOG DIED...
I WAS ABLE TO BE WITH HIM IN THE END, BUT...
THAT'S ALL. I COULDN'T DO ANYTHING FOR HIM BUT WATCH HIM DIE...
AND THAT WAS SO... SO FRUS-TRATING, YOU KNOW?

NOT THAT...
OH...
WELL...
I KNOW FOR SURE...
AND I GOT TO THINKING THAT IF I WERE A VETERINARIAN... I COULD HAVE DONE SOMETHING...
HMM?
WHAT IS IT?
WELL...
OH...
YOU'RE ALREADY THINKING ABOUT THE FUTURE...
I WAS JUST THINKING HOW AMAZING YOU ARE, WAGATSUMA-SAN.

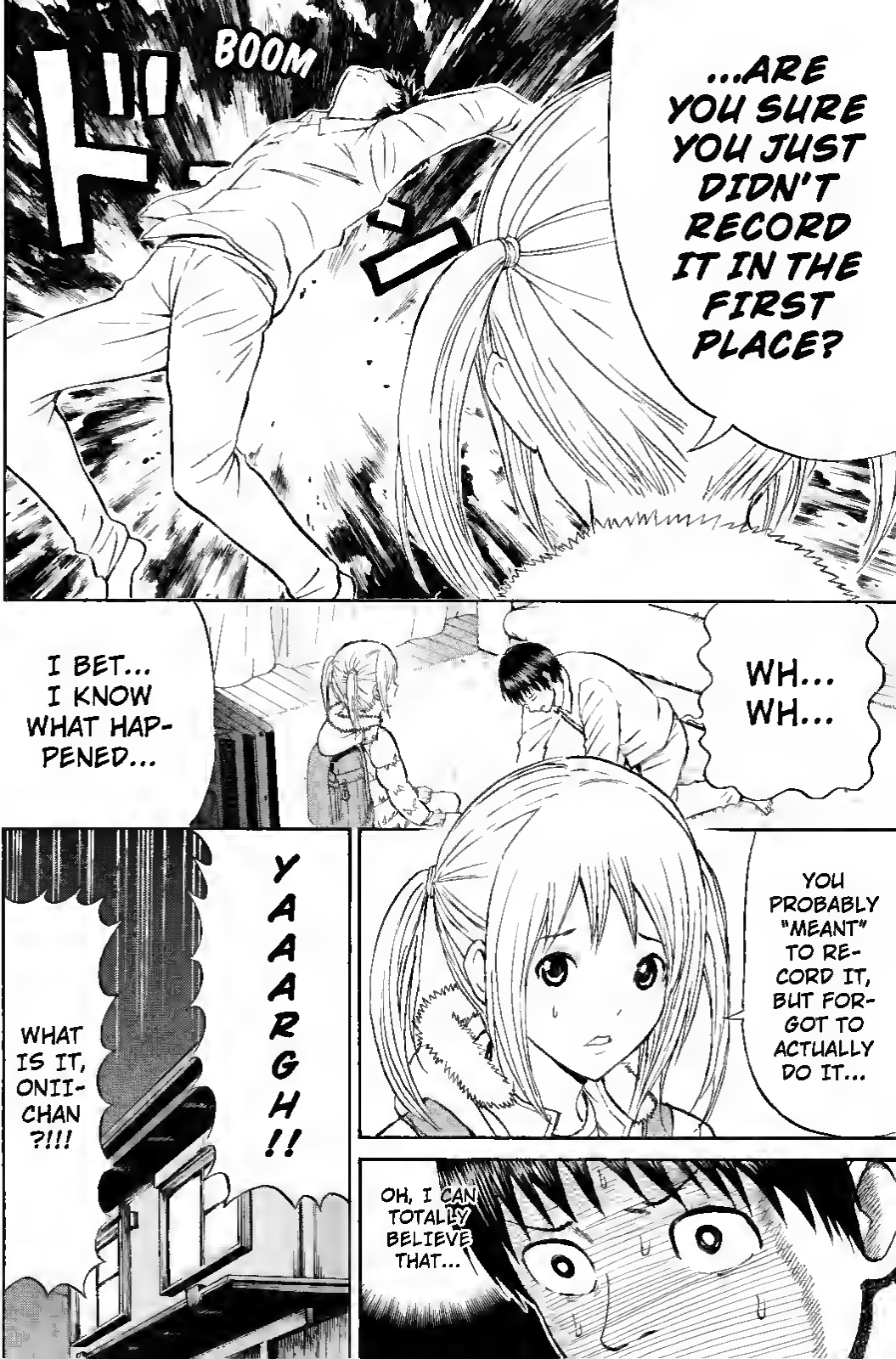
YOU'RE AMAZING.
YEAH.
THAT'S REALLY COOL.
YOU THINK SO?
HUH?
IT'S PRETTY TOUGH TO GET INTO VET SCHOOL.
I DON'T KNOW IF I CAN REALLY BECOME ONE OR NOT...
YEAH, BUT...
I'VE GOT A LOT MORE STUDYING TO DO...
OH, I'M NOT SO SURE ABOUT THAT...
YOU'RE REALLY SMART.
I'M SURE YOU'LL MAKE IT, WAGATSUMA-SAN.
OH!
I DON'T EVEN HAVE TIME TO WATCH MY TV DRAMAS.

HUH ?!!!
ARE YOU WATCHING "DOCTOR-X"?!
I SURE AM...
THUMP
THUMP
OH...THE ONE I PROMISED TO WATCH...
THE OTHER DAY, HUH?!
OH, YOU KNOW...
UM
...NOT WATCH-ING IT...
THAT'S RIGHT... I (PROBABLY) RECORDED IT ON THE DVR, SO I'M GOING TO (HOPEFULLY) MARATHON IT ALL AT ONCE WHEN IT'S OVER...
BUT IT'S HARD TO TELL HER THAT... ESPECIALLY WHEN SHE'S LOOKING AT ME LIKE THIS...

OH...
I SEE...
BUT...
THAT MIGHT BE THE BEST WAY TO WATCH IT...SINCE YOU CAN SEE IT ALL CONNECTED BEGINNING TO END.
Y...
YEAH.
WELL, I DON'T WANT TO SPOIL IT FOR YOU, SO LET'S TALK ABOUT SOMETHING ELSE.
WE CAN TALK ALL ABOUT IT *AFTER* YOU'VE SEEN IT!
Y... YEAH.
ZING
ZING
YOU'RE KIND OF A STICKLER FOR HOW TO WATCH DRAMAS, HUH, AOSHIMA-KUN?
YOU MUST REALLY LIKE THEM, HUH?
I...I GUESS SO.
ARGH! LYING TO HER PAINS MY HEART!

Y...
YARGH !!!!
ARE YOU KID-DING ME?!
ARE...
H-
HIKARI!!
THUNK
ラッ
I'M HOME!

AHHHH?!
HIKARI!!
YEAH, THAT ONE!
THAT "DOC-TOR-X" SHOW?
YOU... DID YOU DO THIS?! DID YOU ERASE IT?!
"DOC-TOR-X"?!
FROM THE DVR?!!!
DID YOU?!
WHY'S IT GONE?!
WHY ISN'T IT HERE?!
ONII-CHAN...
HUFF
HUFF


BOOM
...ARE YOU SURE YOU JUST DIDN'T RECORD IT IN THE FIRST PLACE?
WH... WH...
I BET... I KNOW WHAT HAP-PENED...
YOU PROBABLY "MEANT" TO RE-CORD IT, BUT FOR-GOT TO ACTUALLY DO IT...
YAAARGH!!
WHAT IS IT, ONII-CHAN ?!!!
OH, I CAN TOTALLY BELIEVE THAT...

HEY!! GUYS!!
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*"A.V. ROOM"

I DON'T CARE WHAT IT'S ON!!
NO, IT'S ON TV ASAHI, ISN'T IT?
OH, THAT SHOW ON NIHON TV?
"DOCTOR-X"?

I GO TO SLEEP AT 9 O'CLOCK SHARP.
OH NO, AFTER I WATCHED NICO NICO DOUGA AND DID MY ANIME CHECK, I HAD NO TIME FOR THAT!

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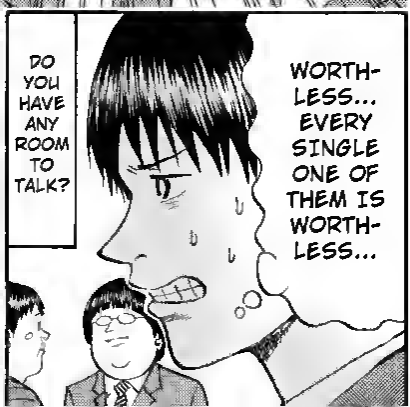
THUNK
DID ANYONE HERE RECORD "DOCTOR-X"?!

LET ME WATCH IT!! LET ME WATCH IT!!
FOR REAL?!!!
OH...I... RECORDED THAT SHOW.


DO YOU HAVE ANY ROOM TO TALK?
WORTHLESS... EVERY SINGLE ONE OF THEM IS WORTHLESS...

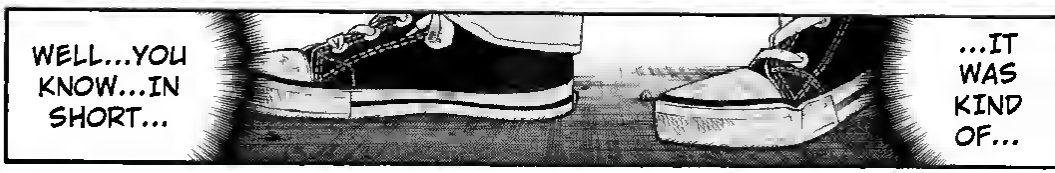
AI WAGA-TSUMA LIKES TV DRAMAS TOO, RIGHT?
WHY DON'T YOU ASK HER?
I'VE GOT NOTHING TO SHOW TO A FRIGGIN' LIFE-HAVER!!
THAT'S OUR LEADER FOR YOU!! TALK ABOUT PETTY!!
NOT ON YOUR LIFE!!!!
AND WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE IN THE FIRST PLACE, LIFE-HAVER?!
WHAM
NO WAY...
ISN'T THIS...
KIND OF A BAD TURN OF EVENTS?
TURN THIS PINCH INTO AN OPPORTUNITY, AOSHIMA!
TO BE CONTINUED!!

PART 68 Running Free

STORY: YUU KURAISHI
COMIC: KEISHI NISHIKIDA

I TOLD YOU! YOU GOTTA GO!!
PLEASE! I'M BEGGING YOU, MAN!
WHAT HAS BECOME OF AOSHIMA AFTER FORGETTING ABOUT HIS PROMISE WITH WAGATSUMA-SAN TO WATCH A DRAMA?
YOU JUST WATCHED FOUR EPISODES IN A FRIGGIN' ROW...
I'M SICK OF THIS SHOW.
JUST ONE MORE!
LET ME WATCH ONE MORE EPISODE AND THEN I'LL LEAVE!
WHAT?! ARE YOU WATCHING EVEN THOUGH IT'S BORING YOU?!
I'M BEGGING YOU, MAN! IT MIGHT GET BETTER STARTING WITH THIS ONE!!

IT'S ABOUT TIME FOR MY SISTER TO GET HOME...
I DON'T CARE IF YOU *ARE* ON YOUR HANDS & KNEES!
I'LL PAY YOU BACK FOR THIS TENFOLD!
SERIOUSLY, MAN!! I'M SERIOUSLY BEGGING YOU!!
W-
WELCOME...
HOME.
THUNK
SO YOU'VE GOTTA--
LEAVE.
SQUICH
SQUICH
...



AND IT DID HAVE A LOT OF GOOD PARTS TOO. LIKE, RYOUKO YONEKURA WAS REALLY PRETTY.
YEAH, I KNOW IT'S REALLY MY FAULT FOR THINK-ING LIKE THIS...

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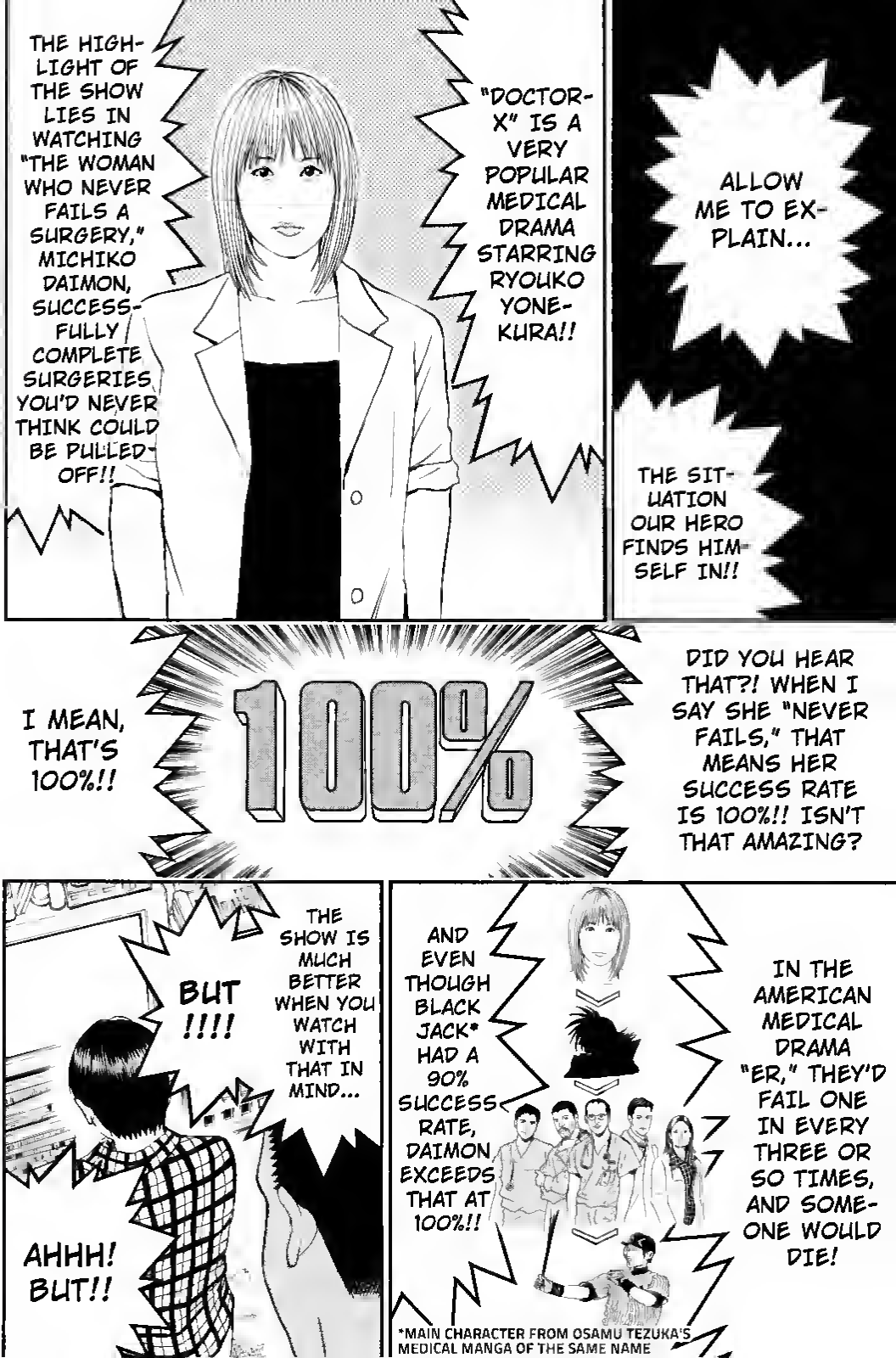
YEP!!
IT WAS BORING!

I DIDN'T EVEN KNOW WHAT...
ABOUT IT WAS SUPPOSED TO BE ENTERTAINING.

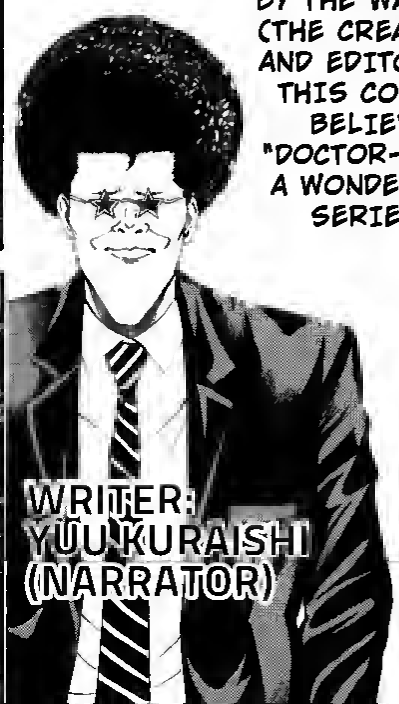

THE HIGHLIGHT OF THE SHOW LIES IN WATCHING "THE WOMAN WHO NEVER FAILS A SURGERY," MICHIKO DAIMON, SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETE SURGERIES YOU'D NEVER THINK COULD BE PULLED-OFF!!
"DOCTOR-X" IS A VERY POPULAR MEDICAL DRAMA STARRING RYOUKO YONEKURA!!
ALLOW ME TO EXPLAIN...
THE SITUATION OUR HERO FINDS HIMSELF IN!!
I MEAN, THAT'S 100%!!
100%
DID YOU HEAR THAT?! WHEN I SAY SHE "NEVER FAILS," THAT MEANS HER SUCCESS RATE IS 100%!! ISN'T THAT AMAZING?
BUT !!!!
THE SHOW IS MUCH BETTER WHEN YOU WATCH WITH THAT IN MIND...
AHHH! BUT!!
AND EVEN THOUGH BLACK JACK* HAD A 90% SUCCESS RATE, DAIMON EXCEEDS THAT AT 100%!!
IN THE AMERICAN MEDICAL DRAMA "ER," THEY'D FAIL ONE IN EVERY THREE OR SO TIMES, AND SOMEONE WOULD DIE!
*MAIN CHARACTER FROM OSAMU TEZUKA'S MEDICAL MANGA OF THE SAME NAME

AND OUT OF A SENSE OF OBLI-GATION!!
KOMATSU'S "HURRY UP AND LEAVE" AURA
AOSHIMA IS SIMPLY FOLLOWING THE STORY!! AND BECAUSE HE WANTS TO WATCH IT QUICKLY, HE'S WATCHING IT ON FAST-FORWARD!!

THERE'S NO WAY YOU'LL ENJOY IT IF YOU WATCH IT LIKE THAT!!
ISN'T THAT ENOUGH?
GO HOME!
MY SISTER'S GONNA BE BACK ANY MINUTE!
STOP, AOSHI-MA!! DON'T WATCH IT LIKE THAT!!

IF I CAN'T UNDERSTAND WHAT MAKES THE SHOW GOOD...
THIS SUCKS. WHAT AM I GONNA DO?

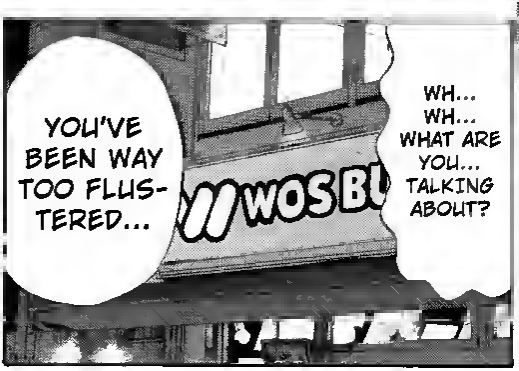
WHO'S THAT?
BZZZZZZT


BY THE WAY, WE (THE CREATORS AND EDITOR OF THIS COMIC) BELIEVE "DOCTOR-X" IS A WONDERFUL SERIES.
WRITER: YUU KURAISHI (NARRATOR)

Ai Wagatsuma
Hey, have you watched "Doctor-X" yet, Aoshima-kun?
I'LL JUST HAVE TO BE HONEST AND TELL HER...
I HAVE NO CHOICE.
EEEEEK!
THAT I THOUGHT IT WAS BORING...
H-HOW TIMELY OF HER...
MY LORD...
...BUT WHAT IF THAT MAKES HER HATE ME?

OH, PLAYING ALONG A LITTLE DOESN'T COUNT AS LYING.
BUT... ISN'T LYING WRONG?
WE CALL IT THE WAY TO GET AHEAD IN LIFE.
AHHH, THE TACTICIAN INSIDE ME IS WHISPERING SOMETHING...
IT IS NOT EVERYTHING TO ALWAYS TELL THE TRUTH.
NOW... WRITE IT.
YOU CAN'T MAKE IT IN THIS WORLD BY SPEAKING YOUR MIND...
WRITE IT.
"I DID! I DID! IT WAS SOOO GOOD!"
TOLD HIS FIRST LIE. (WAY TO GET AHEAD IN LIFE)
I did! I did! It was sooo good!
THUS, AOSHIMA...

AOSHIMA-KUN...
YOU DON'T THINK "DOCTOR-X" IS VERY GOOD, DO YOU?
BUT...IT WAS REVEALED ALMOST IMMEDIATELY.


WH... WH... WHAT ARE YOU... TALKING ABOUT?
YOU'VE BEEN WAY TOO FLUSTERED...

WHA ?!!!

SINCE WE GOT HERE.

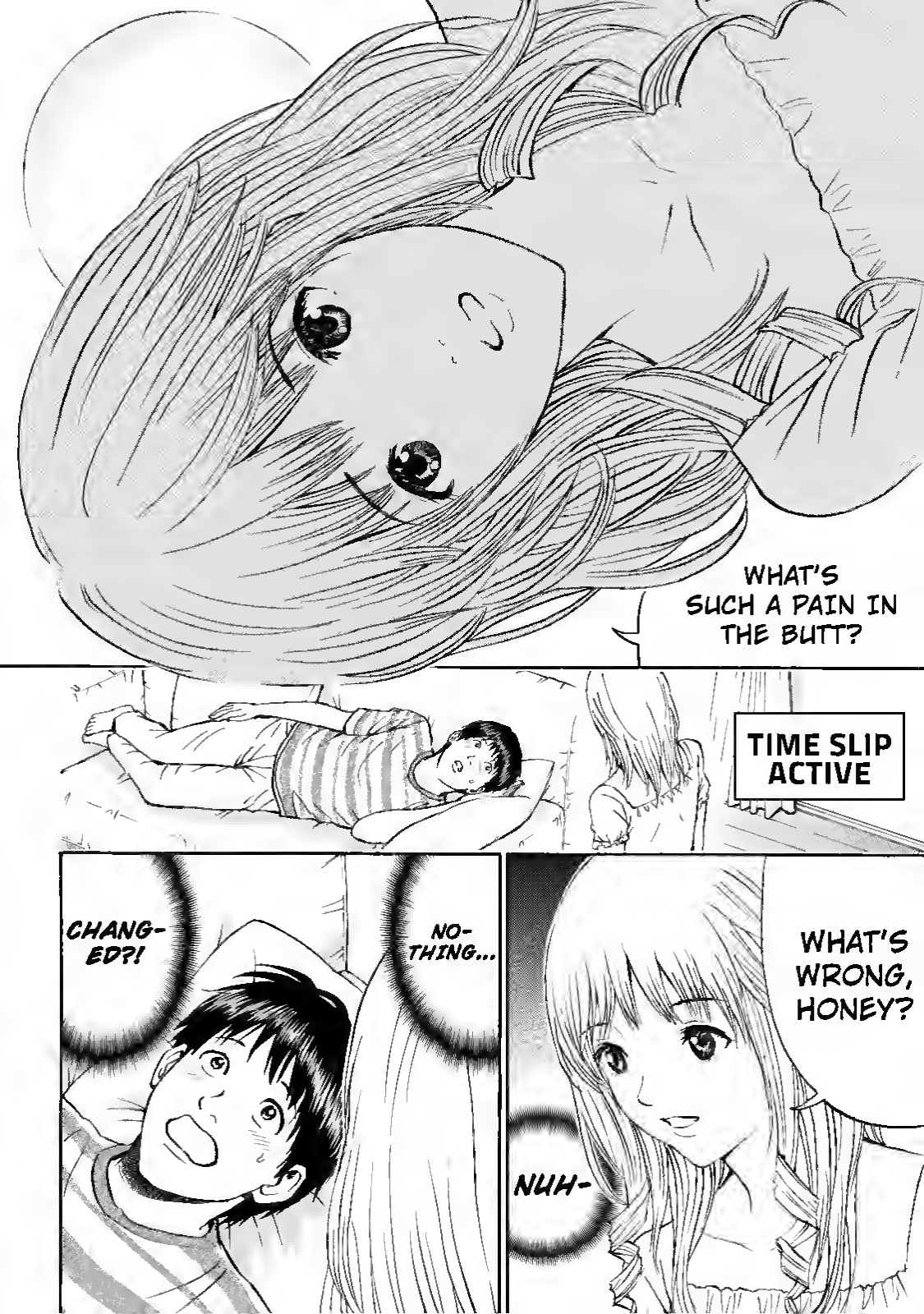
H... HRNGH !!!!
AND EVERY TIME I TALK ABOUT DRAMAS, YOU AVERT YOUR EYES.
SHE'S SO ON THE MARK THAT I CAN'T EVEN APOLOGIZE.
AO-SHIMA-KUN...
YOU'RE NOT A VERY GOOD LIAR, ARE YOU?
OH... WELL...
AND SINCE WE GOT HERE, ALL YOU'VE SAID IS "I GUESS" AND "YEAH, THAT'S RIGHT."
IS IT...

IS IT REALLY SUCH A BAD THING...
THAT I CAN'T SEE WHAT MAKES "DOCTOR-X" SO GOOD?
I...
HUH?
"L-
I THINK THERE'S MORE TO LIFE THAN "DOCTOR-X"!!
"LIFE"?
WE'RE NOT TALKING ABOUT ANYTHING THAT LOFTY, AO-SHIMA-KUN.

I WISH YOU HAD JUST TOLD THE TRUTH AND SAID YOU DIDN'T LIKE IT OVER LINE, YOU KNOW?
IT'S JUST...
SHOCK
IT MAKES ME WONDER WHY YOU EVEN TOLD SUCH A THROWAWAY LIE...
GLANCE
...

THROWAWAY
WHOA!
DANG IT!!
...
...I'M, UH...
SORRY.
OH...
UM...
COME TO THIS?
WOS BURGER
HOW DID IT...

WOULD TURN OUT SO BAD...
I NEVER THOUGHT THINGS...
THIS SUCKS!
CHANGE THE FUTURE?
WHAT IF TODAY'S EVENTS...
AHHH! JEEZ!! THIS IS TURNING INTO A REAL PAIN IN THE BUTT!!
MAYBE I SHOULD...
APOLOGIZE?
BUT HOW DO I GO ABOUT APOLO-GIZING FOR THIS?
IN FACT... I DON'T REALLY THINK I'VE DONE ANYTHING WRONG...


WHAT'S SUCH A PAIN IN THE BUTT?
TIME SLIP ACTIVE
CHANG-ED?!
NO-THING...
NUH-
WHAT'S WRONG, HONEY?

WELL, I GUESS THIS MEANS...
STOCK PHOTO OF A HAPPY MARRIED COUPLE
KREEK
IT TAKES MORE THAN THAT TO BREAK UP ME AND WAGATSUMA-SAN?
HEH HEH HEH!
YANK
SO THIS MUST BE WHAT THEY MEAN BY...
?
THE WIFE SUBMITTING TO HER HUSBAND, EH?
SQUEEZE
TIME SLIP OVER
BWAHAHA
HAHAHA!
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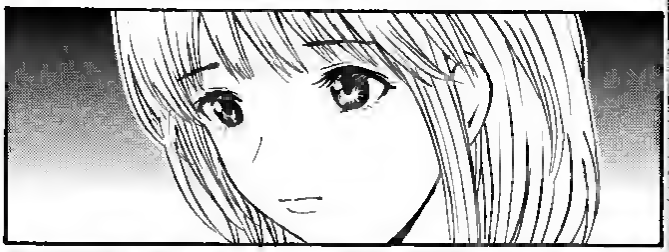

How did you do on the test the other day, Aoshima-kun?

Maybe I've been watching too many dramas.

TA-TAP

How did you do on the test the other day, Aoshima-kun?

Hitoshi Aoshima

Well, my grades did kinda drop pretty far...(lol)

Maybe...

KREEK
Maybe I've been watching too many dramas.
WE CAN'T...
GO ON LIKE THIS...
UM...
HMM?

WE NEED TO TALK...
AO-SHIMA-KUN...
MY BRIDE IS BLUSHING SO EARLY IN THE MORNING... WHAT COULD IT BE?!
...HUH?
TO BE CONTINUED!

WHAT'S THIS?
HUH?
WHAT'S THE MATTER?
AOSHIMA HAS BEEN SUMMONED BY WAGATSUMA-SAN!! WHATEVER COULD SHE WANT?!
MY WIFE IS WAGATSUMA-SAN
WH-WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?
THUMP
WHY'S SHE 'ACTING SO STIFF? HMM?
THUMP
AND SHE EVEN ASKED ME TO MEET HER BEHIND THE SCHOOL... HEHEH!
THUMP
WHAT IN THE WORLD IS GOING ON?!

I'M SORRY.
...?
...HUH?
WHAT, UM...
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
WHAT ARE YOU APOLO-GIZING FOR ALL OF THE SUDDEN?
I'VE GOT THIS...HABIT OF PUSHING MY OWN TASTES ON-TO OTHER PEOPLE...
AND IT BOTHER-ED YOU, DIDN'T IT?
WH-

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THOSE DRAMAS WERE REALLY GOOD!!
WAVE WAVE
NO, NO, NO! NOT AT ALL!
NO, THEY DIDN'T! THEY REALLY DIDN'T!
AND THOSE DRAMAS PROBABLY BORED YOU AS WELL...
I INVITED YOU TO THAT MOVIE YOU WEREN'T EVEN INTERESTED IN...
BUT, YOU KNOW...
"SFX: "THUMP"
HUH?
YES?
AO-SHIMA-KUN...
NO, NO! THAT'S NOT THE CASE AT ALL!
THINK IT WOULD BE FOR THE BEST IF WE DIDN'T SEE EACH OTHER MUCH FROM NOW ON.
I...

MY WIFE IS WAGATSUMA-SAN

PART 69: Paint it Black

STORY: YUU KURAISHI COMIC: KEISHI NISHIKIDA

I KNOW IT'S REALLY MY FAULT FOR ONLY THINKING OF MYSELF ALL THE TIME, BUT...
UM...
I'M...
REAL-LY...
SORRY.

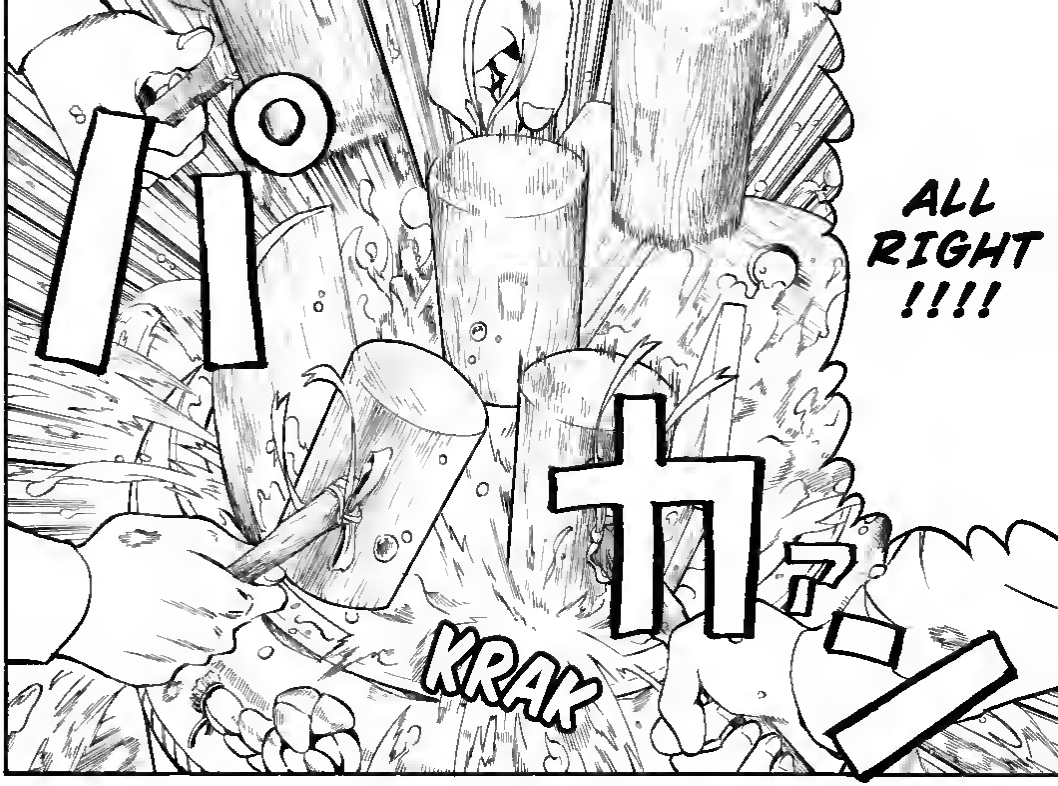
...AND I DON'T WANT THAT EITHER...
AND IT LOOKS LIKE YOUR GRADES HAVE DROPPED SINCE WE STARTED GOING OUT...
BECAUSE I WANT TO BE A VETERINARIAN...
STUDY A LOT TOO...
PLUS, I HAVE TO...
ガク ガク ガク ガク ブル ブル
SHAKE
*SFX: SHAKING
FWIP... スウウ...
SHAKE
SHAKE
SHAKE

EEK ?!!!
FLOP
ドサ
ooo
AO-SHI-MA-KUN ?!!
ARE YOU OKAY ?!!!
HUH ?!!!
AO-SHI-MA-KUN ?!!!
AOSHI-MA...
...KUN?

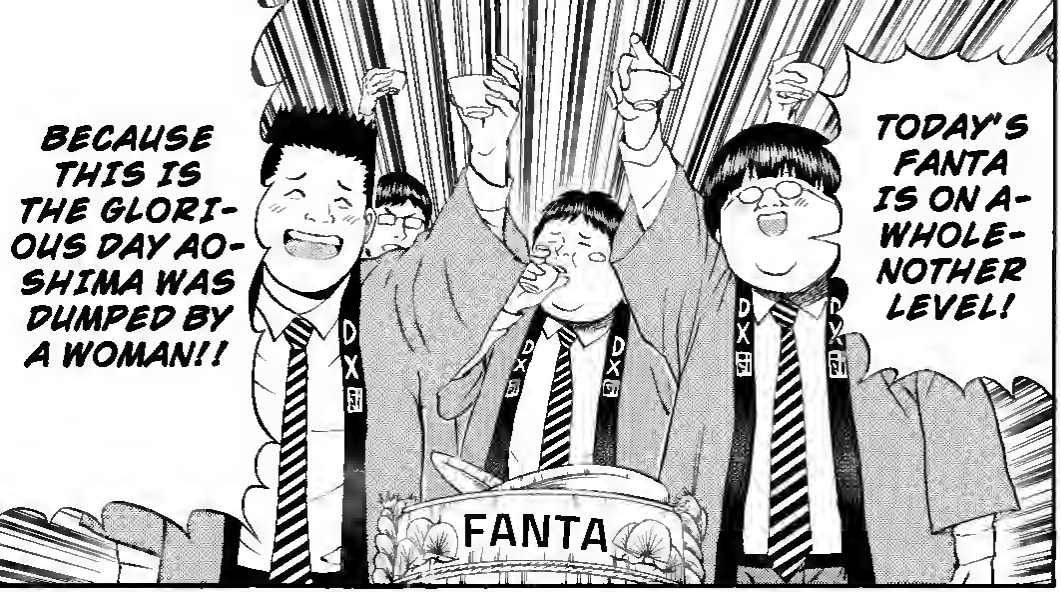
I JUSH LOSH MY FOOT-ING ISH ALL...
YESH... I'B FINE..
ARE YOU SURE YOU'RE OKAY?
REALLY?
...I'M FINE.
YEAH.
スッ
SNIF
ムク
RISE

I REALLY AM FINE.
ARE YOU SURE?
ARE YOU SURE YOU'RE OKAY?
NOD
A...
ALL RIGHT THEN.

TEP
TEP
TEP
TEP
TEP
TEP
TEP

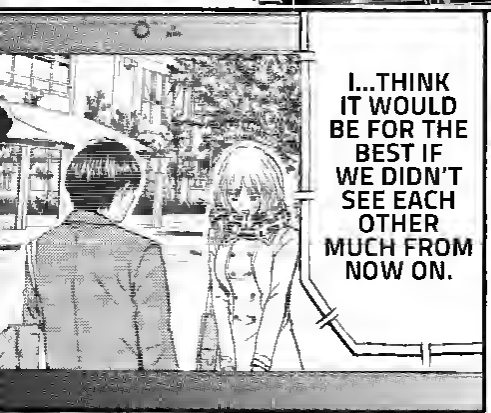

ALL RIGHT!!!!
KRAK

NOW, HAVE A CUP!
OH, WHY THANK YOU!
TAPPING THE KEG
GULP
GULP
GULP
DX
*"DX CORPS"
!GASP!
THAT WAS AWE-SOME!
NOW THAT'S GOOD STUFF!


BECAUSE THIS IS THE GLORIOUS DAY AOSHIMA WAS DUMPED BY A WOMAN!!
TODAY'S FANTA IS ON A-WHOLE-NOTHER LEVEL!
FANTA

LEADER! THE VIDEO IS READY!
BOY, WE'VE GOT A LOT TO DO!
OH, WE MUST ALSO STEAM UP SOME SEKIHAN*!
* DISH OF RICE STEAMED WITH ZUKI BEANS SERVED ON SPECIAL OCCASIONS
THEN, LET'S HAVE A LOOK!
OH!

HAS THE ORDER OF CELEBRATORY MANJUU TO BE GIVEN OUT TO ALL THE MEN WHO HAVE BEEN REJECTED BY AI WAGATSUMA BEEN PLACED?
YES, I JUST PLACED IT!!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HEE HAW!
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BWAHAHA!
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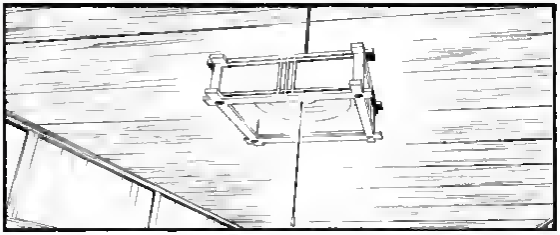
OH HO HO!
オホホ
AH! HA! HA!
アハハハ
LOOK AT AOSHIMA'S FACE!!
WHAT A FEAST FOR THE EYES!!
OHHH HO HO! NOW THAT IS JUST AWE-SOME!!
OH GOD, MY SIDES HURTS!!
I JUST HAPPENED TO COME ACROSS THEM...
IT WAS SIMPLY A FLUKE.
OH NO...
BOY, I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU GOT THIS VIDEO, FUJI-Q!
RIGHT THERE.
HMM?
HERE, TAKE A GOOD LOOK.
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
...
THANK YOU, BOSS!
YOU'RE OUR MVP, FUJI-Q!!
ISN'T... SOMETHING WRONG HERE?

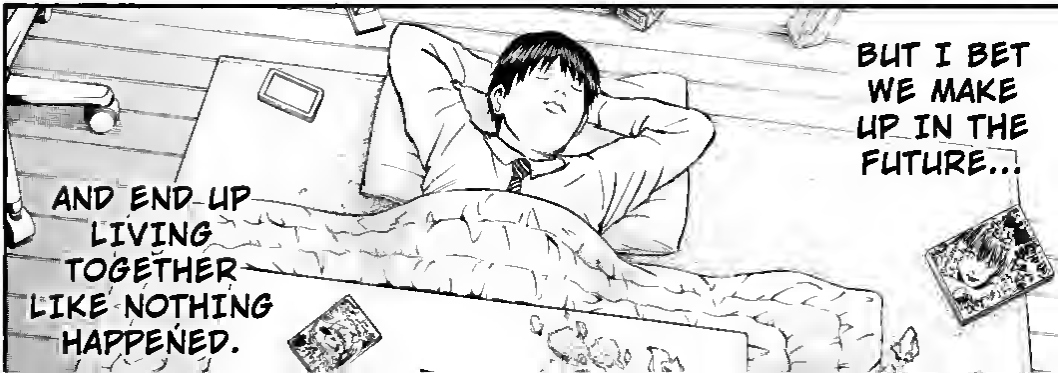
AOSHI-MA...
...IS SMILING.
OH...
HUH? WHAT'S UP?
LOOK, AOSHIMA'S SMILING.
OH, I BET I KNOW WHAT THIS IS...YOU KNOW, WHEN YOU PUSH YOURSELF AND...
OH, LIKE WHEN YOU STUBBORNLY REFUSE TO ACCEPT REALITY?
I DON'T KNOW ABOUT THAT...
ISN'T IT KIND OF UNNATURAL FOR HIM TO BE SO COMPOSED AFTER BEING DUMPED BY AI WAGATSUMA, THE GIRL HE WAS SO IN LOVE WITH?
HMM...
WHERE IS AOSHI-MA NOW, FUJI-Q?
OH, IF IT'S AO-SHIMA YOU'RE LOOK-ING FOR, HE...

WENT HOME.

OH, I MADE WAGATSUMA-SAN WORRY ABOUT ME TOO...
NOW I FEEL KIND OF BAD...

I'M NOT IN THE MOOD TO GO TO CLASS...
BOY...A BROKEN HEART IS A BIGGER BUMMER THAN I EXPECTED.




BUT I BET WE MAKE UP IN THE FUTURE...
AND END UP LIVING TOGETHER LIKE NOTHING HAPPENED.

I WISH...
I'D HURRY UP AND GO INTO A TIME SLIP...
BECAUSE WE'RE...
A HAPPILY MARRIED COUPLE WHERE THE HUSBAND'S WORD GOES.
HUH?

WHUMP
WAIT... DON'T TELL ME...
AM I AL-READY IN A TIME SLIP?!

OH...
THIS ISN'T THE APARTMENT...
WHERE I LIVE WITH WAGATSUMA-SAN!!
WHAT IS GOING ON?
WHAT'S GOING ON?
THUNK
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OH, YOU KNOW... WHERE'S MY WIFE AI WAGATSUMA-SAN?
HUH?!
JEEZ YOU'RE ACTIN SCARY...
HUH?
WHERE'S WAGA-TSUMA-SAN?
IS THAT... YOU, HIKARI?
...
DON'T SCREW WITH ME, YOU BAS-TARD !!!!

IT'S BEEN TEN YEARS SINCE SHE DUMPED YOU!!
HOW LONG ARE YOU GONNA KEEP WHINING ABOUT WAGATSUMA-SAN?! JUST FREAK-IN' GIVE UP ON HER ALREADY!
OPEN YOUR EYES TO REALITY!
YOU PIECE OF TRASH!
TO BE CON-TINUED!
WHY DON'T YOU FORGET ALL THAT AND GET A JOB?!